STATE DYSLEXIA POLICY

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Outline

- **Dyslexia Policy: Big Picture**
  - **States going beyond federal requirements**

- State Dyslexia Policy Overview
  - What is the national policy landscape?
  - How are states addressing early identification of dyslexia through policy?
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- State Guidebooks
  - How have states developed dyslexia guidebooks?
  - Guidebook components across the states
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States looking beyond federal requirements

- All states are required to provide students with disabilities, including dyslexia, a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- States have enacted a range of policy to address students' that go beyond the federal requirements.

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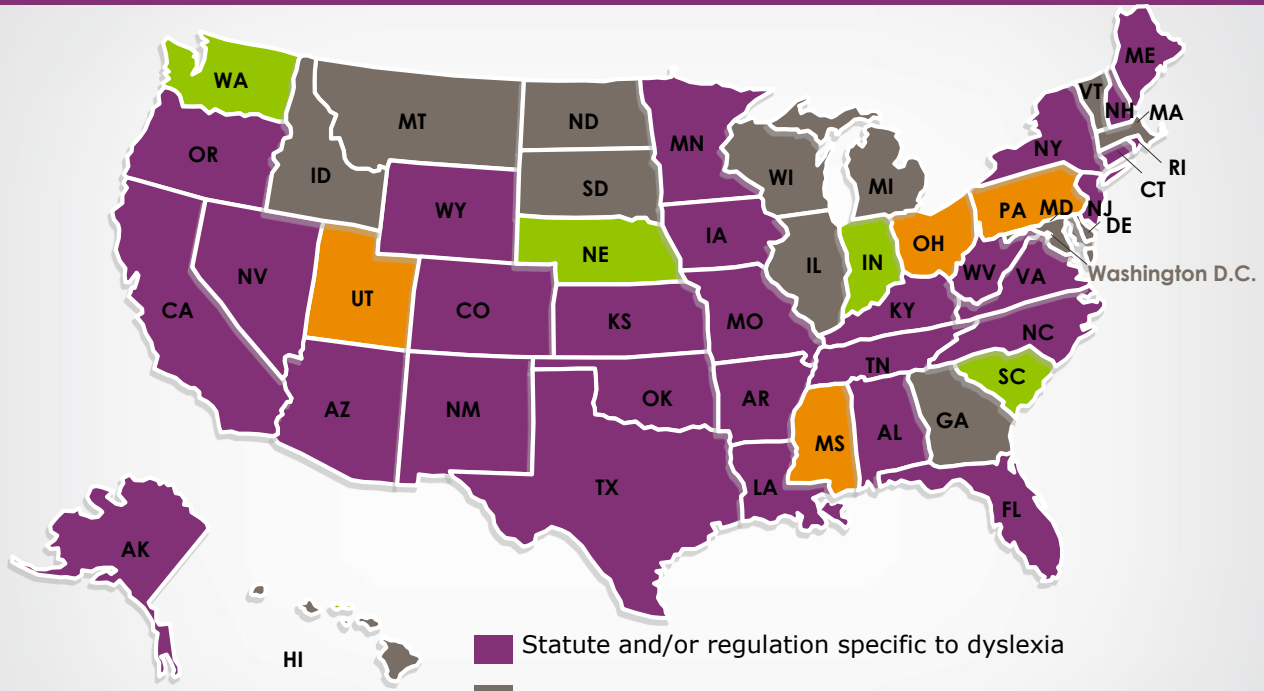

Statute and/or regulation specific to dyslexia

Do not have statute or regulation specific to dyslexia

Passed legislation that will go into effect in the 2019 school year and beyond

Pilot programs in statute and/or code

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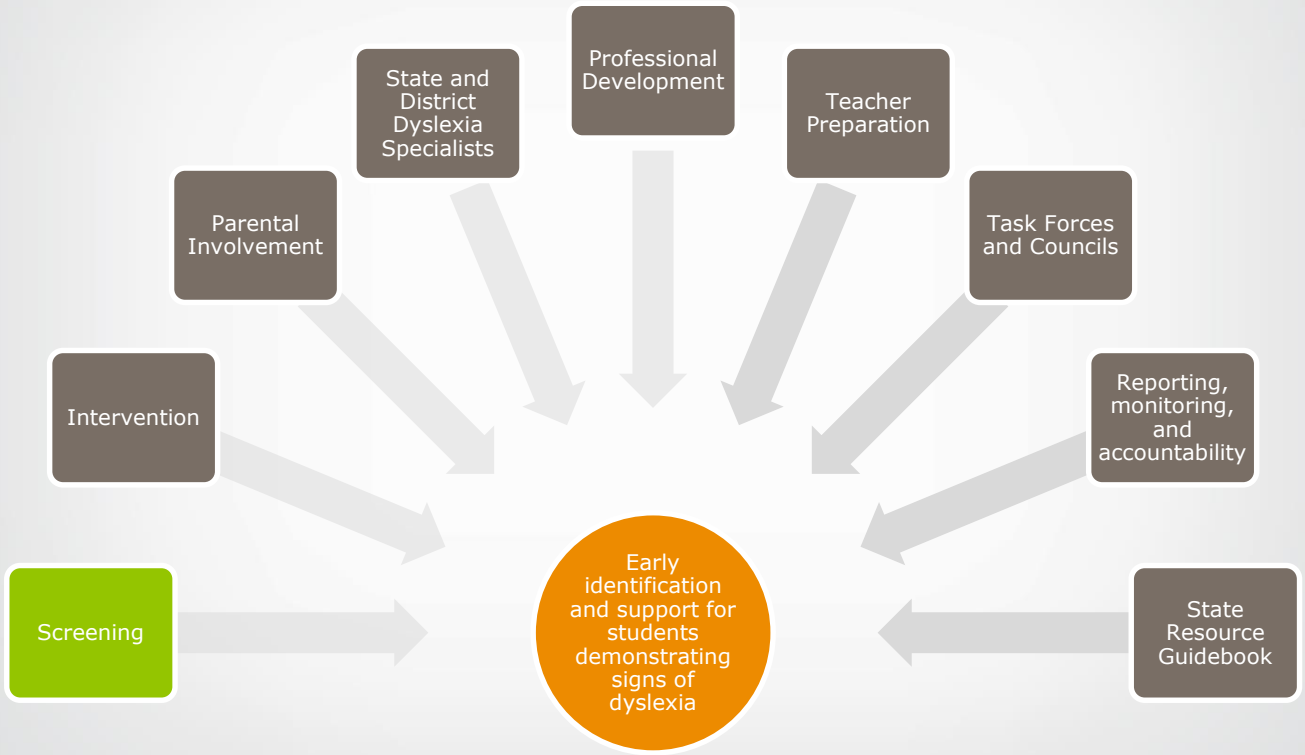

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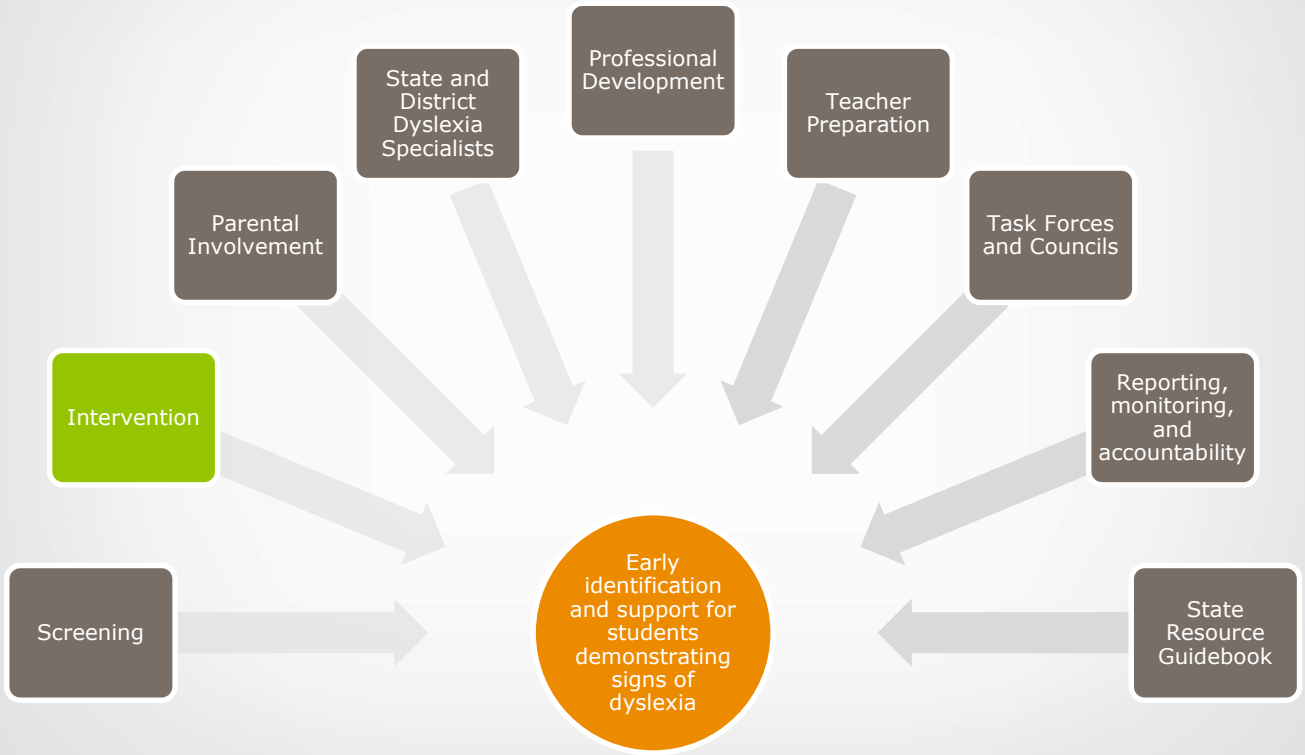

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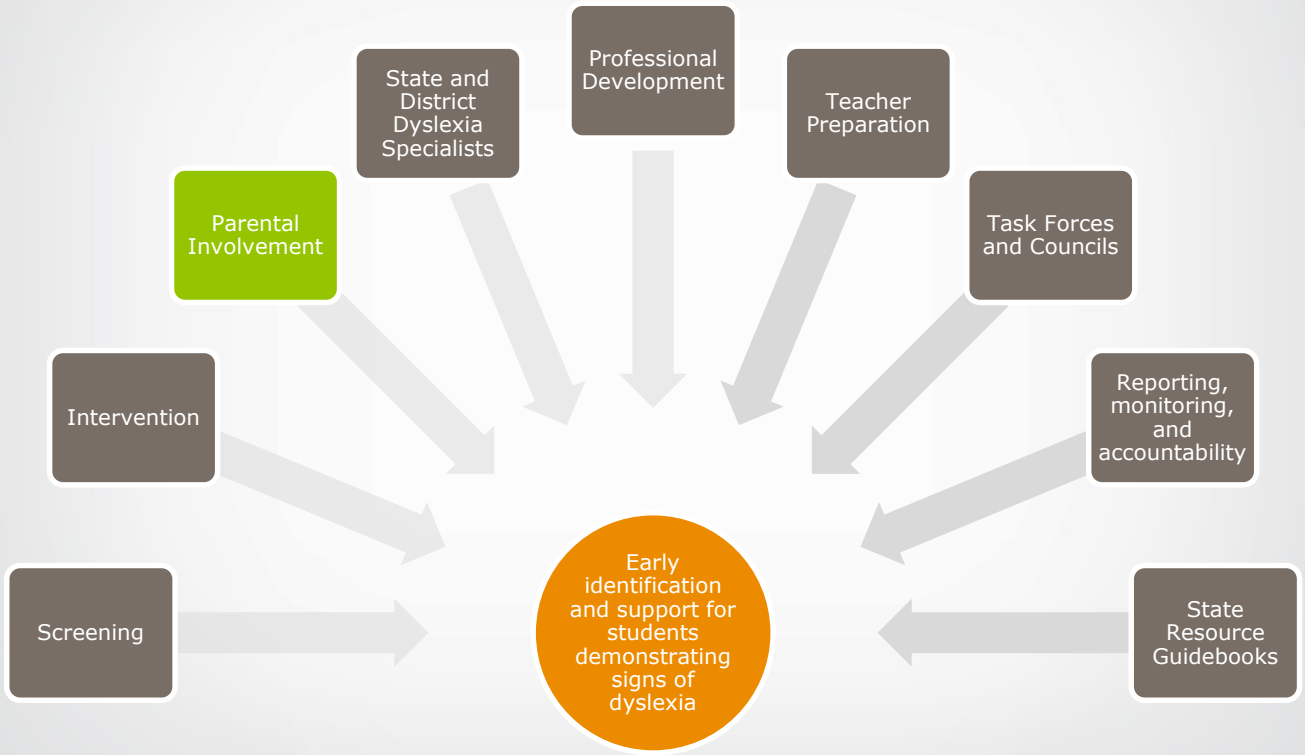

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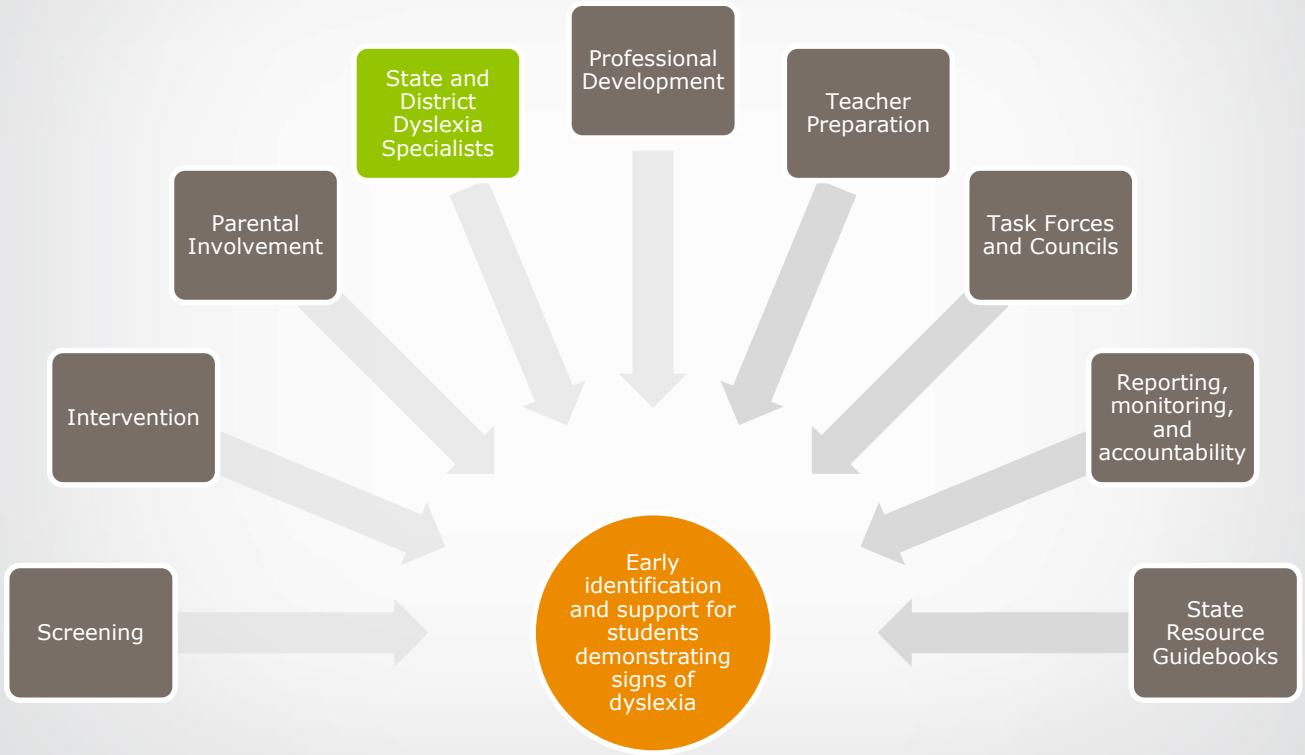

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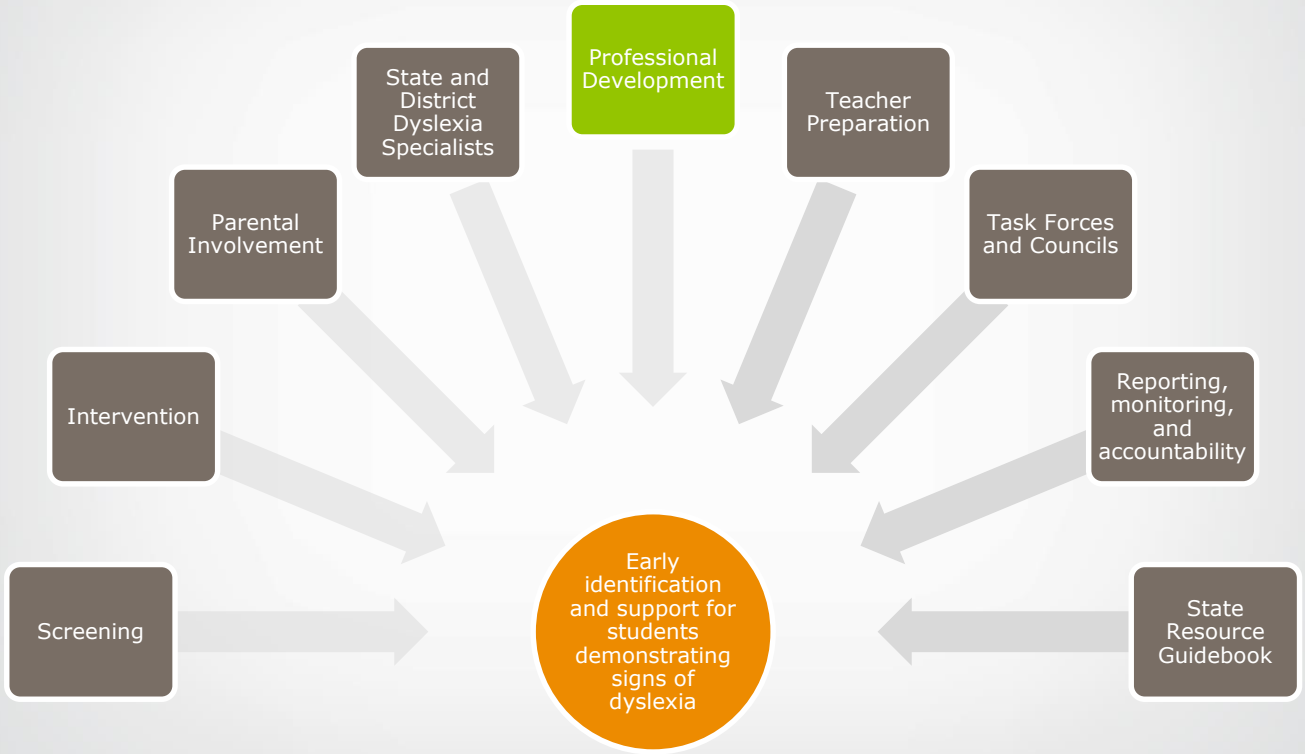

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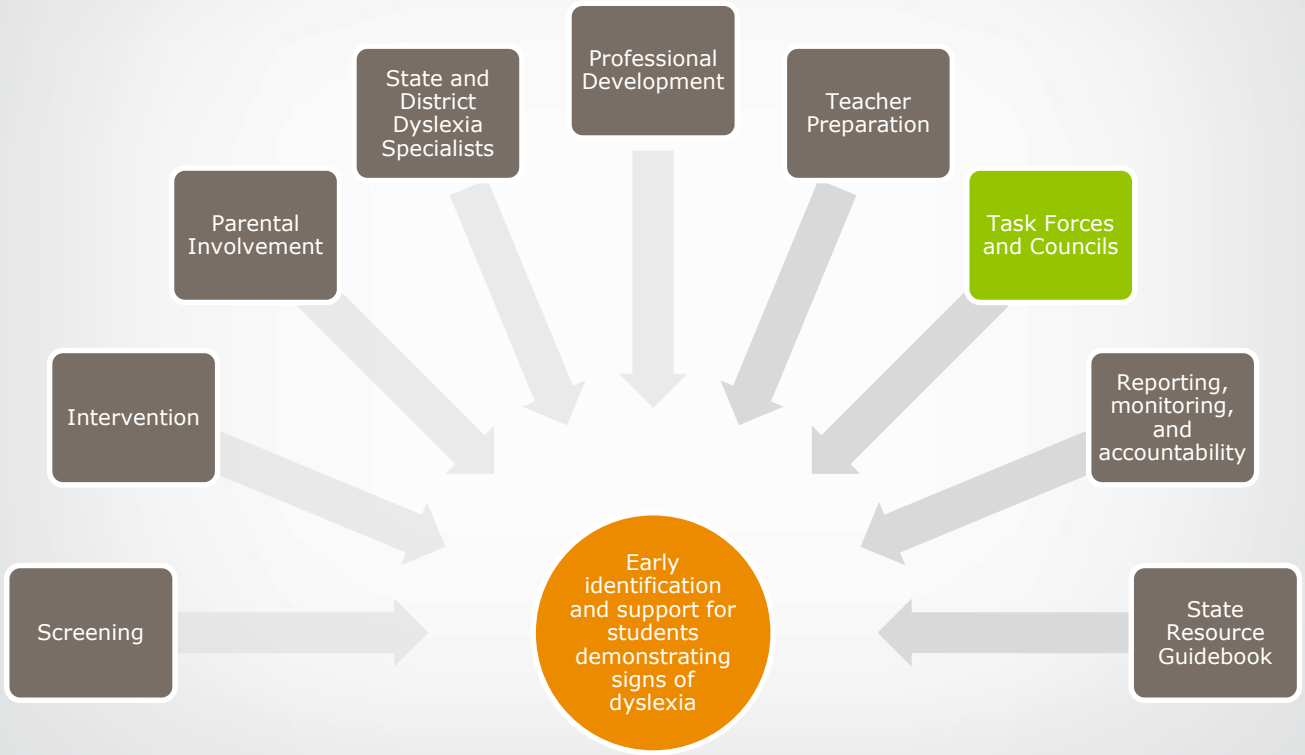

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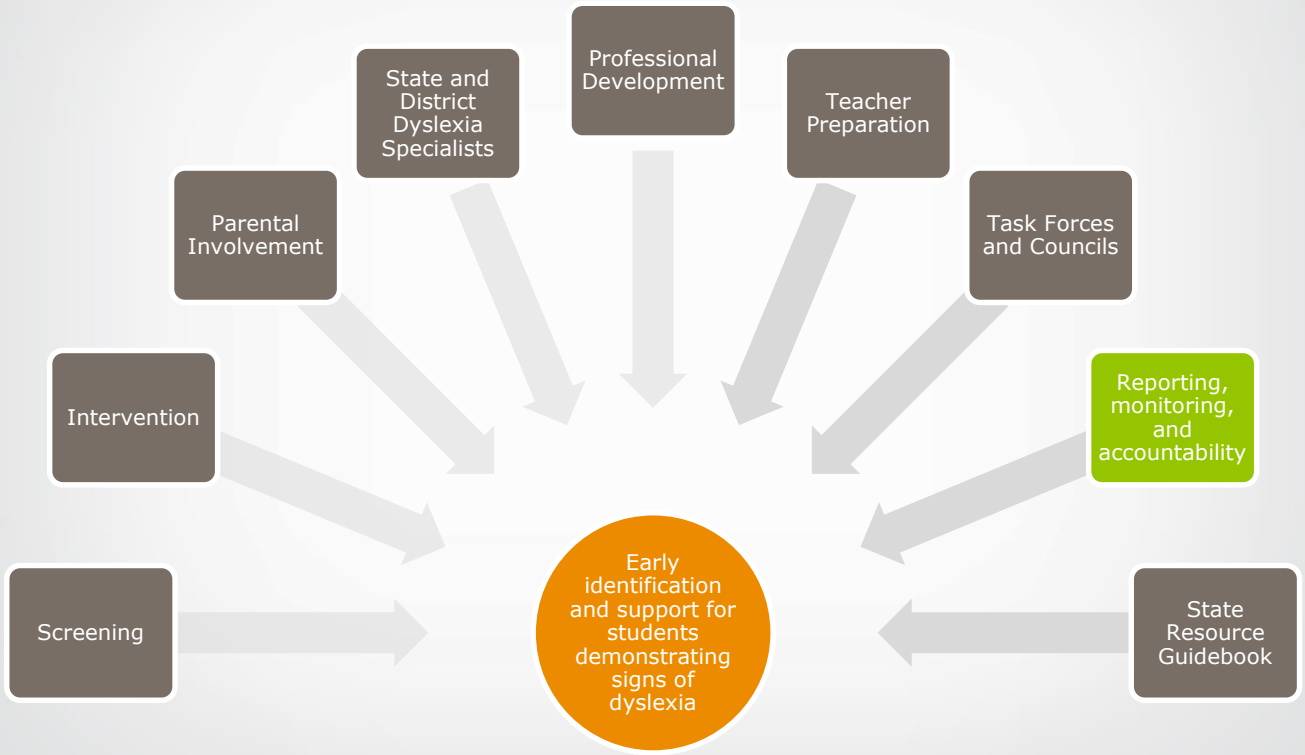

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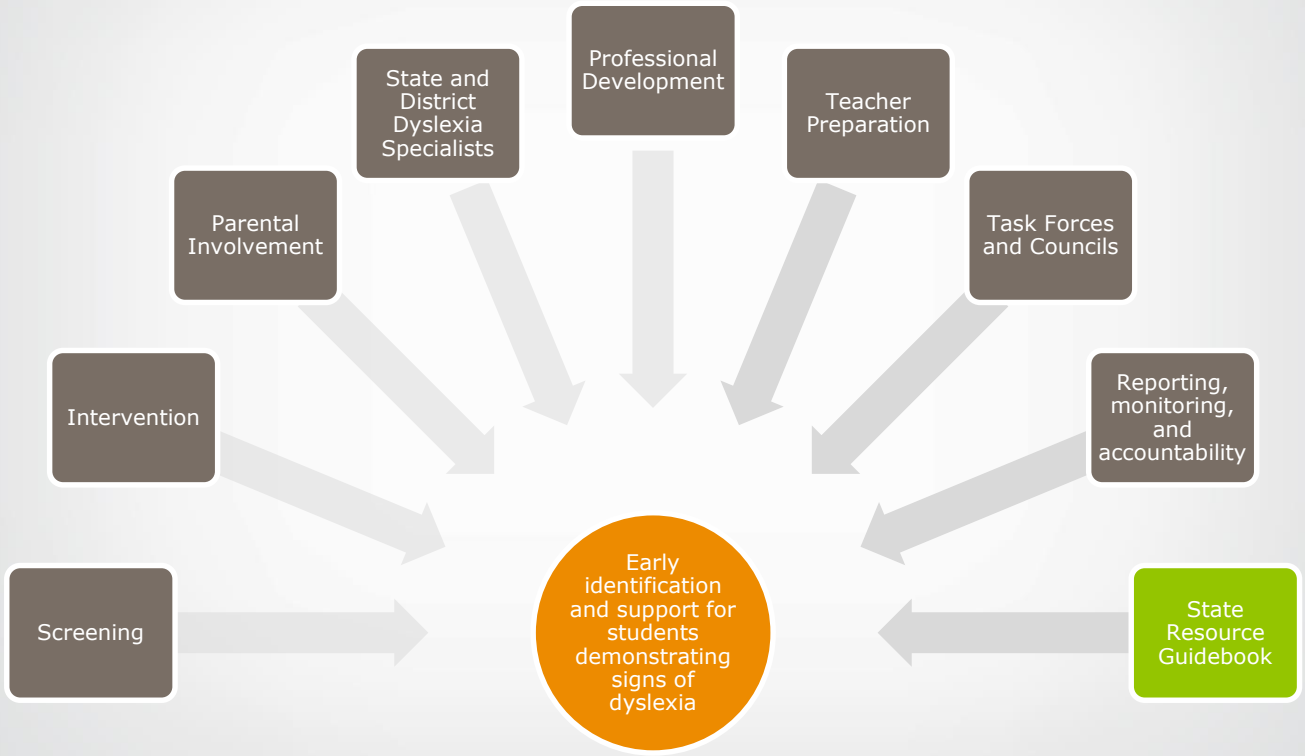

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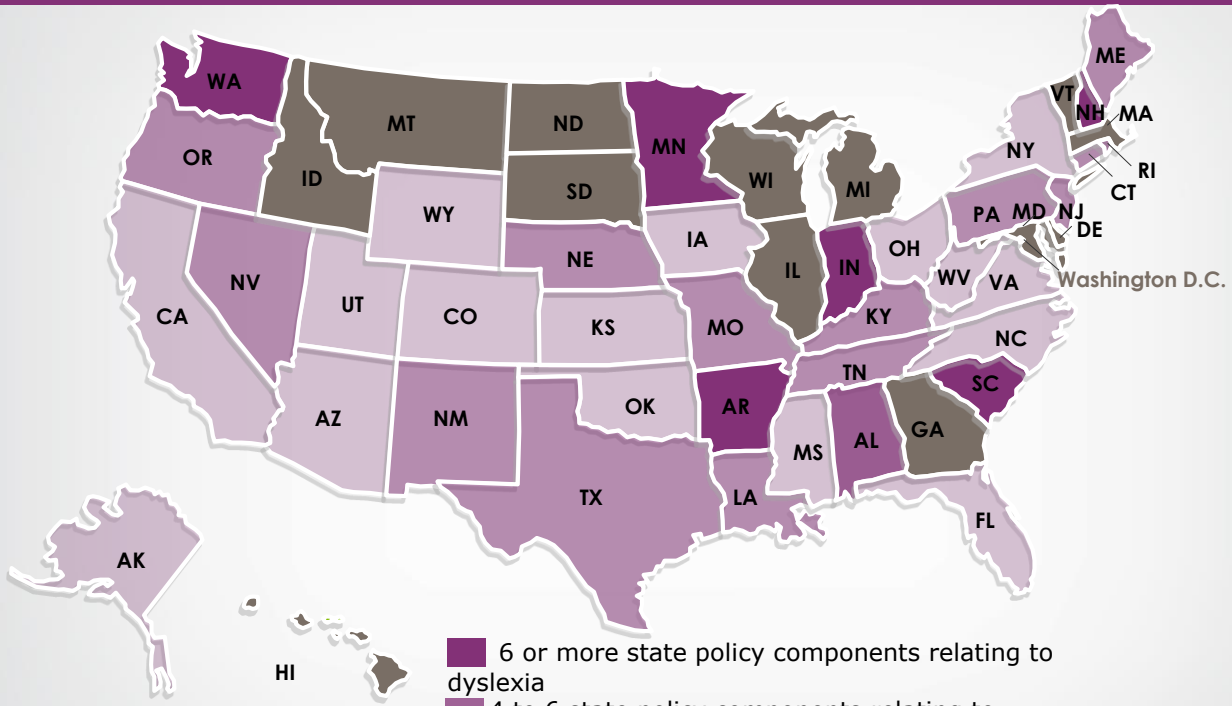

6 or more state policy components relating to dyslexia

4 to 6 state policy components relating to dyslexia

2 to 4 state policy components relating to dyslexia

1 to 2 state policy components relating to dyslexia

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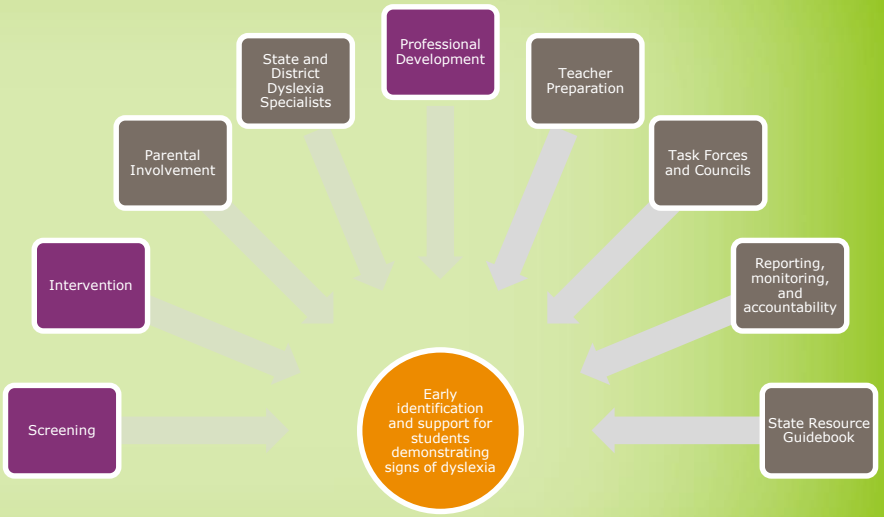
New Jersey Dyslexia Policy



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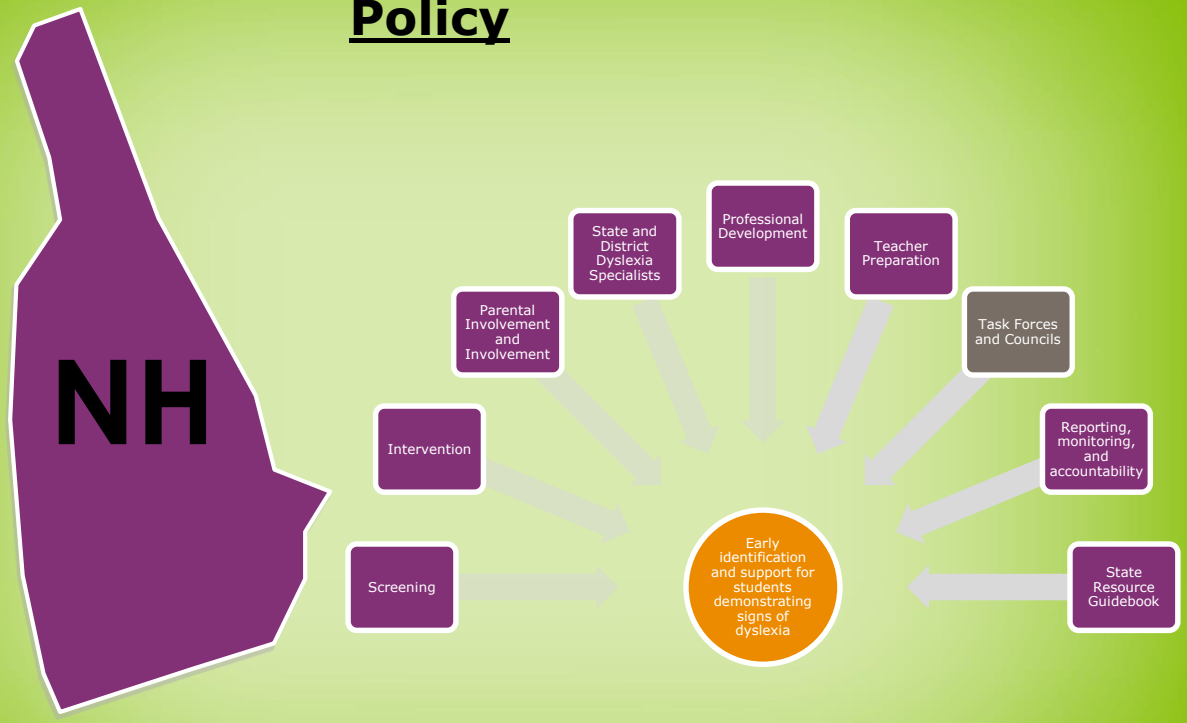

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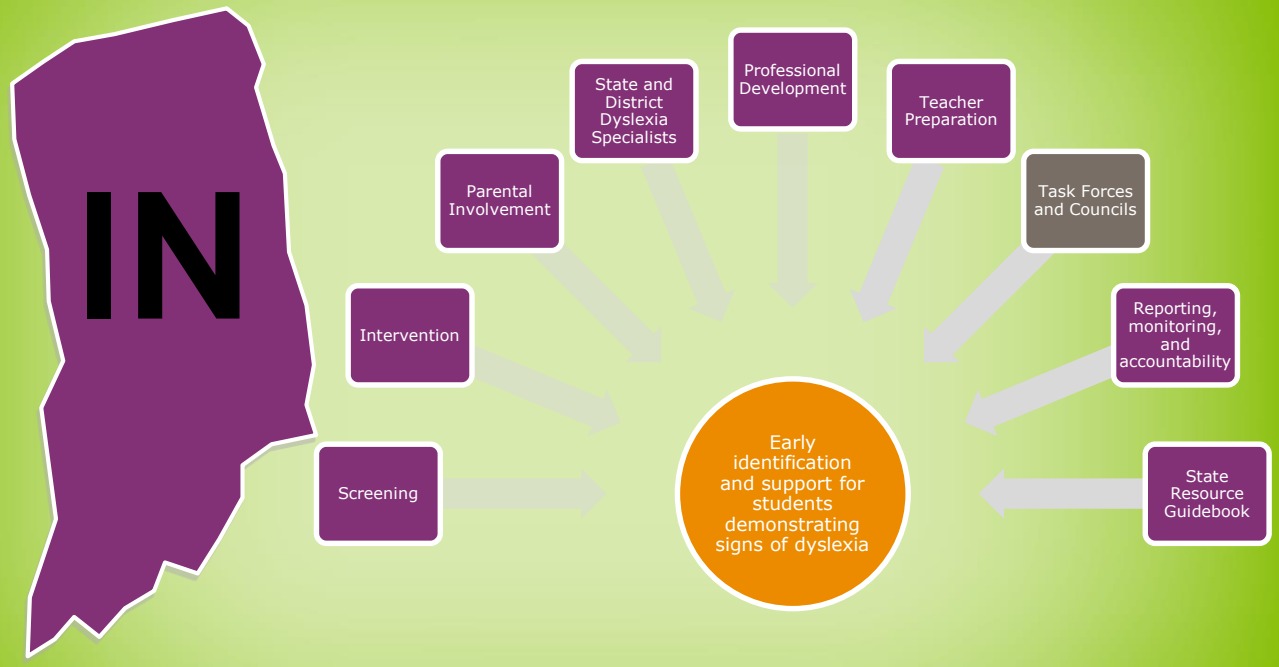

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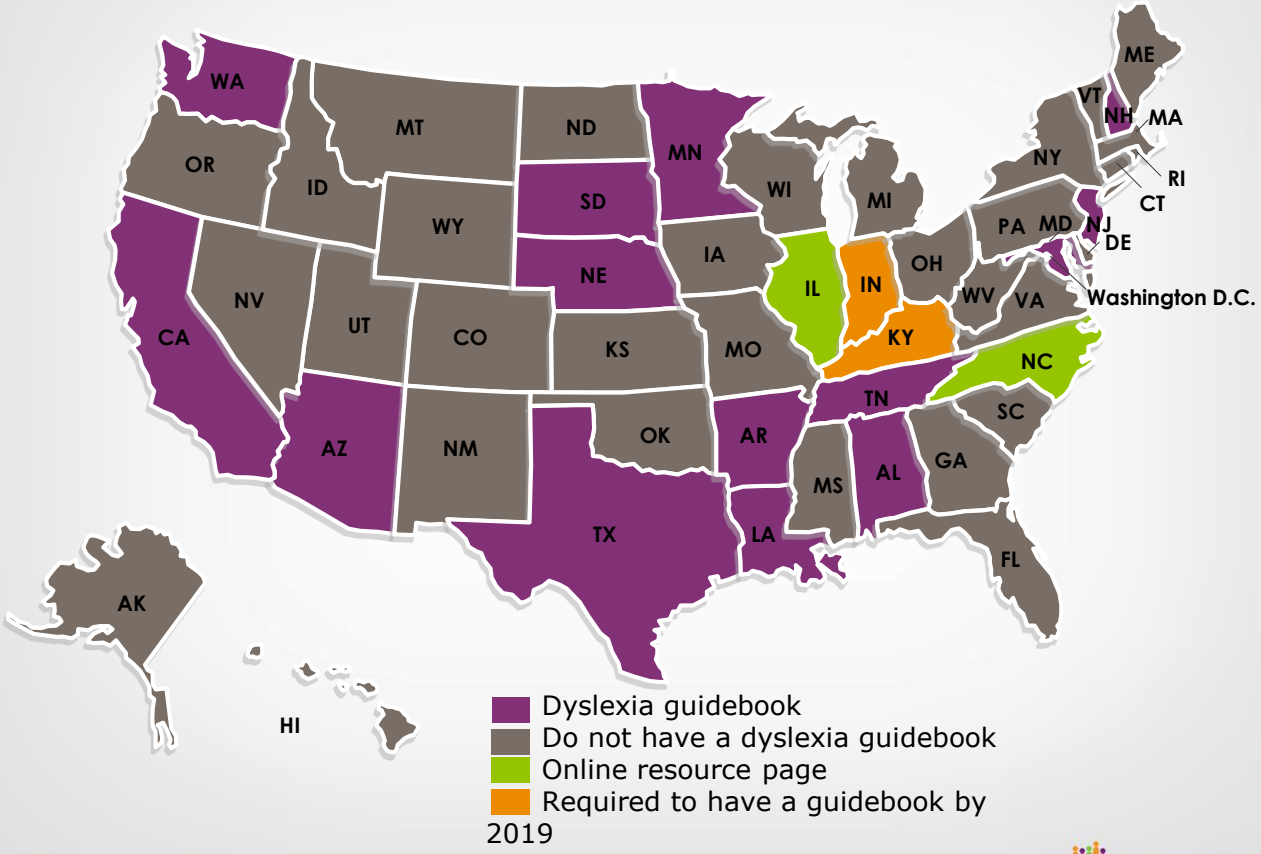
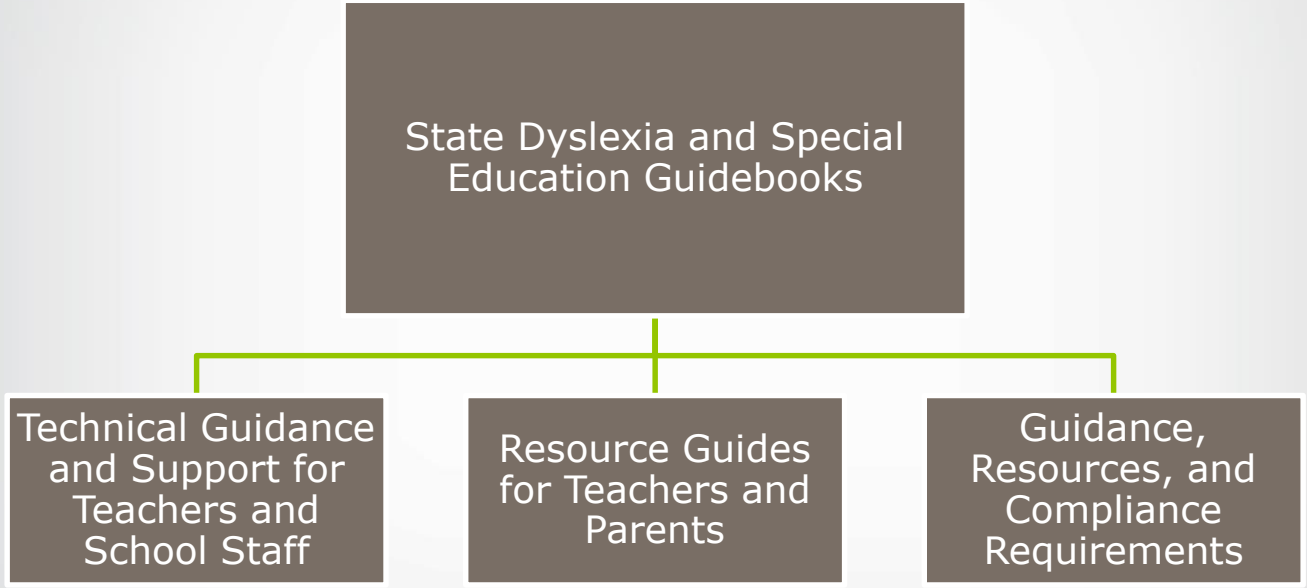


Types of State Guidebooks



Guidebook Components

- Definition of Dyslexia
- Characteristics of Dyslexia
- Screening Process and Tools
- Intervention and Instructional Strategies
- Teacher and Parent Resources
- Information on the Special Education Evaluation and Assessment Process
- State Policy Requirements and Overview

South Dakota Guidebook

- No specific dyslexia state policy
- Outlines characteristics of dyslexia
- Resources for teachers to provide intervention
- Resources for parents and students

Nebraska Guidebook

- Outlines a definition and characteristics of dyslexia
- Provides research on dyslexia
- Provides screening, monitoring, and evaluation resources and practices
- Outlines a range of instructional strategies for teachers
- Provides examples of accommodations for students with dyslexia
- Information for parents

Tennessee Guidebook

- Serves as a procedural guide for teachers and schools
- Provides resources and procedures for screening, intervention, progress monitoring, and reporting
- Provides guidance on how to evaluate a student's need for special education services
- Outlines professional development to improve instruction and awareness

Questions?

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