

LEARNING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada provides a wealth of information for parents, teachers and children:
www.ldac-taac.ca/index-e.asp

All Kinds of Minds helps students who struggle with learning to improve their success at school and in life by providing programs that pull together educational, scientific, and clinical expertise.
www.allkindsofminds.org/ptk/resources.aspx

LD Online provides information for parents, teachers, and kids, as well as bulletin boards, and more. LD Online has a *kid zone* on their site, where kids can play and learn at: www.ldonline.org/kids
www.ldonline.org

NLDA is dedicated to research, education, and advocacy for nonverbal learning disorders. You can find supportive information and items such as an online forum on their website.
www.NLDA.org

LOCAL RESOURCES

To Parents: Remember that you're not in this alone. Local organizations and individuals in your community can provide help to students whose lives are affected by learning differences and disabilities.

To find resources in your community, you can speak to the staff at your child's school, find information from local academic institutions such as universities and colleges, and check the general resources of the online communities listed above for their local chapter. Many boards of education have information on how to find local programs; contact their public information office. Your public library and school district may also be able to provide valuable information about the educational options available to your child.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (www.ldac-taac.ca) also provides links to Association chapters in each province by following "LINKS" at the home page and scrolling down to "Learning Disabilities Associations - Provincial/Territorial Affiliates."
<http://www.ldac-taac.ca/chapters/chapters-e.asp>

BOOKS

For parents with access to the Internet: the above websites have "Resource Centre", "Resources", and "Library" sections that recommend books.

For parents without access to the Internet:

A Mind at a Time – Mel Levine (2003)

Explains how to identify individual learning patterns in children and maximize their success in life.

All Kinds of Minds – Guidelines – Mel Levine (1993)

Guidelines explain the purpose and rationale behind the book, the book's organization, and a chapter-by-chapter analysis of how to present the content to students in the classroom or at home.

Educational Care – Mel Levine (1994)

Presents a model, a way of thinking about many of the common forms of learning disorders, their recognition, their implications, and their treatment.

The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn from Each Other – Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot (2003)

Offers parents a way to open communication lines and work with teachers; captures the dynamics of the complex, intense relationship from the point of view of both parents and teachers.

Learning to Learn – Carolyn Olivier and Rosemary Bowler (1996)

Provides guidelines for creating education programs tailored to individuals' needs and abilities.

Learning to Learn: Strengthening Study Skills and Brain Power – Gloria Fender (1996)

Ideas, practical hints, methods, procedures, and resources that provide hands-on materials for study skills, including note-taking, organizational skills, test-taking, memory skills, power reading, problem solving, and time management.

The Myth of Laziness – Mel Levine (2002)

As it explores the possible reasons why things are going wrong, this book uncovers some of the main ingredients for achieving good results.

