

learning disability



A “learning disability” is a term that refers to a number of disorders which may affect the acquisition, organization, retention, understanding or use of verbal or nonverbal information. These disorders affect learning in individuals who otherwise demonstrate at least average abilities essential for thinking and/or reasoning. In other words, you may have a child with average abilities who should be able to learn, but who struggles with learning, because something is getting in their way.

A learning disability cannot be cured but it can be successfully managed. If you are the parent of a child or an adult who is wondering if they have a learning disability, you should get a psychoeducational assessment. The person who can give you this assessment, is a registered psychologist. Registered psychologists have the ability to assess and provide a diagnosis.

The main focus of a psychoeducational assessment is to determine learning disabilities and the learning abilities and style of the individual, be they adults, teens or children. The assessment should screen for other issues that may affect learning, such as depression.

A diagnosis and companion report is required by school boards and post secondary institutions in order to implement the interventions and accommodations to which an individual with a Learning Disability is entitled.

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