

The Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa

*Wants You to Know the **FACTS** About Kids
With Learning and Attention Issues*

FACT	1 in 5 kids have learning and attention issues. Chances are you know someone.
FACT	Learning and attention issues are brain-based difficulties in reading, writing, math, organization, focus, listening comprehension, social skills, motor skills or a combination of these. Dyslexia and ADHD are examples of common learning and attention issues. They often run in families.
FACT	Having learning and attention issues doesn't mean a child isn't intelligent. In fact, kids with learning and attention issues can even be gifted.
FACT	It's a myth that kids with learning and attention issues are "just being lazy." While learning and attention issues may not be as visible as other health issues, they're just as real.
FACT	Some signs of learning and attention issues—like refusing to read aloud, having a consistently messy backpack or not wanting to go to school—can seem so commonplace that they're easy to overlook. If parents are concerned, talking to their child's teacher or doctor is a great first step.
FACT	Kids learn in different ways and at different paces. It's important to teach to each student's individual strengths, skills, and needs. This is true for all kids—not just kids with learning and attention issues.
FACT	With the right support from parents, educators and the community, kids with learning and attention issues can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. They have the same potential for success as their peers. By setting high expectations for kids with learning and attention issues, we can propel them to thrive in school and in life.

LDA Iowa is here to help. Contact us with your questions or concerns. Consider joining LDA Iowa today. We can help, and so can you!

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