

## Parenting a Child with Learning Disorders: **What You Need to Know**

What are the critical things to know if your child has been diagnosed with a learning disorder/disability (LD)? This is a question many parents ask after their child has been diagnosed with an LD. This practical session is designed to empower parents with basic information about LDs, how to help their child at home, and the ABC's of advocacy.

<b>Time:</b>	All sessions – 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	\$30 plus GST for each Monday through Wednesday sessions
<b>Registration:</b>	Call 780-434-3698
<b>Venue:</b>	Centre For Literacy Training Room Suite 100, 9797-45th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 5V8
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Each session is held over three consecutive evenings.

### **Scheduled sessions:**

- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

### **Monday: Learning Disorders/Disabilities – The Basics**

The focus of the first evening is in providing basic information about LDs. This session will highlight what LD is and is not, the conditions that may co-exist with LDs, and what LDs look like at various stages of a child's life. Testing and its interpretation will also be discussed.

### **Tuesday: Intervention and Helping Your Child at Home**

This session will highlight how intervention looks in the classroom and in one-to-one environments. The purpose and use of accommodations and supports will be outlined, along with how parents can actively support their child at home.

### **Wednesday: The ABC's of Advocacy**

The session will present strategies for advocating for a student with LDs in a manner that builds positive relationships with teachers and schools. Relevant legislation, including the Standards for Special Education and the Supreme Court Decision on Special Education (Moore decision), will be reviewed.

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