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### Learning Disabilities

Learning disabilities come in different forms. Dyslexia, ADHD, Dyscalculia, and, Dysgraphia are some of the few out there. This can affect anyone from a child to an adult. It is common in America. A learning disability is a disorder that affects someone from understanding writing, direct attention, and many more factors.” Learning disabilities are disorders that affect the ability to understand or use spoken or written language, do mathematical calculations, coordinate movements, or direct attention ” (NIH). There are many causes of this disorder. Family history, psychological trauma, and environmental exposure can be factors. These increase the risk of a child developing a learning disability.

Children with learning disabilities have several characteristics. Short attention spans, difficulty following directions, poor reading, and eye-hand coordination problems are some of them. “performs differently from day to day, responds inappropriately in many instances, distractible, restless, impulsive, says one thing, means another, difficult to discipline,”(LDA) are other characteristics.

The legislation that relates to this disability is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. “A law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children ” (DO IT). This states how the law protects people with learning disabilities.

Teaching accommodations have been made for children with learning disabilities. Extended exam time, presenting instructions orally, providing a space with minimal distractions, and providing special test preparation (LD). Children can also get accommodations like assistive devices.

In conclusion, children with learning disabilities have several characteristics. Teachers are able to see this and reach out to the child's family to discuss if they do fall under the category. Doing tests and assessments with the child may help the educator see if the child does have a learning disability. Many schools have accommodations for children as stated previously.

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