

About Us

The LDA Early Childhood Program provides comprehensive services for our youngest learners. We strive to provide young children with educational programs that facilitate cognitive, social/emotional, language, and motor skill growth. We believe that through our teacher and parent trainings we can help prepare young children to be successful in their school age years.

Our educational consultants are certified in early childhood education and special education. They have extensive experience working in classroom settings and in providing professional development for teachers.

Our Mission

St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association Inc. (LDA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the understanding and acceptance of learning disabilities. Education, support, and consultation are provided to children, parents, and professionals to help students maximize their full potential.

Children need hope, understanding, and compassion to learn and reach their potential. The St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association helps children by giving them and the adults who work with them the education and support necessary to be successful.

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Early Childhood Programs & Workshops



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Developmental Stages– discusses appropriate activities, behaviors, and expectations. Developmental characteristics are reviewed in the areas of motor, cognition, language, and social/emotional skills.

Language Skills Development– language skills are the foundation for both academic and social success. This workshop teaches techniques for increasing children's receptive and expressive language.

Positive Behavior Support– focuses on behavior management techniques that will result in new skills for teachers and children. This proactive approach teaches skills to prevent behaviors before they occur.

Early Warning Signs of Special Needs– discusses atypical characteristics and development of children. The focus can be on birth to age five or include school age issues as well.

How to Work with Children with Special Needs in the Preschool Classroom– describes how disabilities impact children's performance in the classroom. Specific strategies for teaching and working with these children will be presented.

Understanding Autism– provides information about the autism spectrum disorder as well as proven methodology for working with these children.

Importance of Play– presents how children's play has a critical role in their learning of new skills, concepts, and problem solving techniques. Also included are techniques for adults to facilitate appropriate play.

Observation Techniques & Data Collection– discusses the reasons for collecting data, as well as methods for observing children and recording data. Sample data collection forms are provided and discussed.

How and When to Talk to Parents– provides helpful methods for communicating with parents about their child's education and your concerns in the classroom. This is a great workshop to do before parent/teacher conferences because specific consultation strategies are demonstrated and discussed.

All of our workshops come with certificates of completion to fulfill required clock hours.

NOTE:

We customize and create workshops to meet your professional development and training needs.

 **Other Services** 

In addition to providing high quality educational workshops, LDA provides a continuum of services dedicated to meeting the needs of the whole child.

Services Include:



- Classroom Observations
- Consultation on Individual Children Assistance with Referral
 - Procedures for Special Education
- Consultation Services with Schools
- Crisis Intervention
- Assistance in Locating
 - Community Resources
- Cognitive Educational Evaluations
- Speech and Language Evaluations and Therapy
- Parent Coaching
- Individualized Tutoring
- Resource Library
- Informational Newsletter
- Study Skills Classes



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