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Learning Differences: Why is my child struggling in school?

You likely know a child who struggles to read, write, or learn math. Perhaps *you* used to be one!

The question is, “Why?”

Sometimes, the reason is a learning disability (e.g., dyslexia).

But learning disabilities often overlap with other disorders or challenges:

- ADHD
- Executive functioning
- Fine motor coordination
- Autism
- Processing issues (sensory, visual, auditory)
- Language disorder

As a parent or teacher, how do you recognize these challenges? Who can assess and treat them? And how can you support your struggling student?

You will find answers to these questions in the conversations below.

This month, on [The Individual Matters Podcast](#), we interviewed two experts about some of the common (but perhaps not well known) reasons why children struggle to learn.



Change Your Vision, Change Your Life: The Power of Vision Therapy

Your child's "vision" is far more complex than what is screened at school, or even during a typical optometrist visit.

This is an information-packed episode about how and why visual processing impacts child development, learning, and life success.

Dr. Richard Graebe, OD, FCOVD, is a Behavioral and Neuro Rehabilitation Optometrist and learning expert at the [Neuro-Visual Performance Institute](#) in Versailles, Kentucky. His team offers vision therapy and neuro-rehabilitation services to patients of all ages, including struggling readers, athletes, and individuals with brain injury.

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Helping Your Child with Language-Based Learning Disabilities

In his book, "Helping Your Child with Language-Based Learning Disabilities," [Daniel Franklin, Ph.D.](#), explains how and why learning disorders, ADHD, and processing issues overlap — and mostly importantly, what parents and teachers can do to support their students.

In this episode, we cover:

- Learning to read/write, vs. reading/writing to learn
- Collaboration vs. Enabling
- Dynamic assessment
- The important of relationships
- The homework battle
- Why "Children are consistently inconsistent"
- And more!

Dr. Franklin holds a Master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Reading, Language, and Learning Disabilities, a PhD from UCLA in Education, and he is a Board Certified Educational Therapist. He has over 30 years of experience in education as a teacher, administrator, and consultant. He is founder and president of Los Angeles-based Franklin Educational Service, LLC, which provides a wide range of individualized school support services for students of all ages and needs.



Need a Training for Your Organization?

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“Dyslexic kids are creative, ‘outside-the-box’ thinkers. They have to be, because they don’t see or solve problems the same way other kids do.”

-Rick Riordan, author of the “Percy Jackson” book series

Happy November to you and yours!



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