



Boulder Valley Kids Identified with Dyslexia

The mission of our parent group **Boulder Valley Kids Identified with Dyslexia (BV-KID)** is to create a culture of innovation and to promote awareness of dyslexia among parents, teachers and administration in Boulder Valley (BV) and to serve students with dyslexia and related learning disorders to ensure that they reach their maximum potential.

**It is estimated that
15 - 20% of the
general population
have Dyslexia. (IDA, 2012)**

What is Dyslexia? Individuals with dyslexia have trouble with reading, writing, spelling and/or math even though they have the ability and have had opportunities to learn. Individuals with dyslexia can learn, but they often need specialized instruction to overcome the problem. Often these individuals, who have talented and productive minds, are said to have a language learning difference.

Challenges Experienced by People with Dyslexia

(International Dyslexia Association, 2012)

- Learning to speak
- Learning letters and their sounds
- Organizing written and spoken language
- Memorizing number facts
- Spelling
- Reading quickly enough to comprehend
- Persisting with and comprehending longer reading assignments
- Learning a foreign language
- Correctly doing math operations

Strengths Experienced by People with Dyslexia

- Strong Visuospatial Processing (art, architecture, 3-D thinking)
- Verbally Articulate
- Highly creative
- Entrepreneurial
- Intuitive
- Problem solvers
- Outside-of-the-box thinkers
- See patterns, connections and similarities others do not see

"My son is clearly bright. He could build amazing Lego creations and understand complex concepts for his age but he just wasn't learning to read or write like the other kids in his class." E.N.

"He struggled with phonics from kindergarten on, but was never far enough behind to get help from the school" C.M.

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