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When people hear the words 'leaning disability' most people automatically think of dyslexia- and believe it is when someone writes the letters of symbol get flipped or are backwards. In fact, dyslexia is only one type of learning disability and it actually associated with reading more than writing.

A learning disability (LD) is a disorder that affects an individual's ability to interpret what they see and hear and manifests itself with a deficit in one or more of the following areas: attention, reasoning, memory, communicating, reading, writing, spelling, calculation, coordination, and emotionally maturity.

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse."

Jim Rohn

Here are some common terms:

Dyslexia- Difficulty reading, seeing letters in mirror image.

Dysgraphia- Difficulty writing, actual physical motor process or being able to express ideas in writing

Dyscalculia- Difficulty with mathematics, comprehending and understanding relationships between mathematical symbols and calculations

Dyspraxia- Difficulty with messages from the brain being transmitted properly transmitted to the body, speech problems, poor posture, sense of direction, difficulty with actions such as throwing and catching

Dysnomia- Difficulty in recalling words at will

Dysphasia- Difficulty in comprehending spoken word or speaking

Auditory Perceptual Deficit- difficulty receiving accurate information from the sense of hearing, there is not a problem with their hearing, but in how the brain interprets what they hear. They may have problems in understanding oral instructions or may not be able to differentiate between similar sounds.

Visual Perceptual Deficit- difficulty picking an object from a background or seeing things in the correct order

Did you know that research now indicates that learning disabilities are genetic?

1 in 15 people have a learning disability.

Accommodations for Learning Disability

Depending on the type of learning disability experienced, accommodations for people with learning disabilities may include:

- assistance in filling out forms and completing paperwork;
- modifying examinations, training materials, or policies;
- screen reading and voice-output software;
- scanners for entering information into a computer;
- spell and grammar check software;
- voice recognition and word prediction software;
- calculators, including talking calculators; and
- the use of day planners and electronic organizers and schedulers

The first Monday of each month!

Jeremiah Fish, the Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) will be available to meet with customers who currently receive SSI/ SSDI. To schedule an appointment please refer to the sign up sheet at the DPN desk. *The CWIC is employed by the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) project and works directly with Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities to assist them in their employment efforts. CWICs provide outreach to beneficiaries with disabilities and work incentives planning and assistance.* (SSA Website)