

Understanding Learning Difficulties

A Practical Guide for Parents

Presented by developmental and educational psychologist Mandy Nayton from Western Australia

A workshop for parents of students with learning difficulties who may have dyslexia, dyscalculia and/or dysgraphia

This free workshop has been developed for parents and caregivers of children with learning difficulties. It will provide attendees with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children of all ages. The recently released ***Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents*** will be reviewed and information will be provided on using the Guide effectively. The workshop will also examine issues such as self-esteem and dyslexia-friendly schooling, to ensure parents and caregivers are better equipped to support students with learning difficulties both at home and through effective communication with schools.

Presenter: Mandy Nayton is the Executive Officer of DSF Literacy and Clinical Services and the current President of AUSPELD. She is an educational and developmental psychologist and qualified teacher with extensive experience in the field of literacy education. Mandy supports schools with literacy planning and recommends appropriate classroom-based and individual strategies for struggling students. She is an adjunct research fellow at Curtin University and was awarded the 2015 LDA Mona Tobias Award for making an outstanding contribution to the field of learning difficulties.

WHEN

Wednesday 5 August 2015
4:30pm - 6:30pm

WHERE

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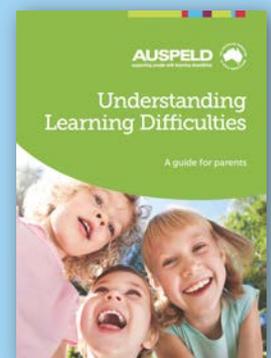
(Spaces limited to 100)

This workshop is free and open to parents of students currently enrolled in a public school within the ACT.

The session allows for 1/2 hour question time.

The session time will be strictly adhered to as the presenter will need to depart for travel. Any further queries please contact your school's Learning Difficulties representative teacher.

The ***Understanding Learning Difficulties: A Practical Guide for Parents*** booklet is designed to provide parents, caregivers, and/or family members of children with learning difficulties with a greater awareness and understanding of the impact learning difficulties can have on children during their school years. This Australian resource provides an overview of the nature of learning difficulties and the most effective assessment and intervention strategies currently available. Information is shared regarding effective support strategies and evidence-based remediation approaches in order to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and knowledge necessary to assist their children throughout their education and beyond.



Copies of the Understanding Learning Difficulties Guide for Parents will be provided at the workshop, compliments of the ACT Education and Training Directorate.