



C-14 Learning Disabilities — Networking and Discussion

Special Education
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Led by a group of presenters, this workshop will provide an opportunity for parents to broaden their understanding of Learning Disabilities (LD). Parents will be able to:

- Ask questions about the exceptionality
- Gather tips about successful strategies for supporting the child
- Make connections with and learn from support organizations, TDSB staff and each other

Resources

Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada

www.caddac.ca

Learning Disabilities Association Toronto District

www.ldatd.on.ca

Presenters

Cathy Macina-Ciardullo

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Cathy has a strong history of providing system leadership in special education. She brings to her current role her many years of experience assisting school staff and families with program and transition planning for children with exceptional needs, especially for children with Learning Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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Vicki holds a Master of Education from OISE. Her particular interests include the use of assistive technology, evidence-based literacy interventions, and professional learning for teachers.

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Heidi Bernhardt, RN, is the President of the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada, and past Executive Director of CADDRA and the mother of three grown sons with ADHD. Over the past 23 years, Heidi has helped raise awareness and understanding of ADHD among parents, educators, medical professionals, government officials and the public through presentations, conferences, media interviews, and advocacy work.