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April 2021 LDAWC News



Welcome to April!

Can't you just feel it? That Spring-time feeling is here. There's hope in the air for brighter days ahead and flowers are already trying to bloom!

This month we have some great events to share and links to some helpful tips.

Looking for some informative reading? Our <u>blogs</u> are added to our website weekly. Be sure to let us know if there are any topics you would like to see added.

Friendly reminder! Don't forget to mark your calendars and save-the-date for our **7th Annual Family Conference**, being held virtually on Saturday, October 16th, 2021. Sponsored by Sick Kids Foundation, we are excited to be hosting renowned author, parenting expert and consultant, **Rick Lavoie**, as our Keynote speaker. If you have never had the pleasure of seeing Rick speak, this is your chance.

To give you an idea of his ability to captivate and educate, check out: The Power of Shame



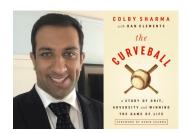






Our <u>workshops</u> have a variety of topics to choose from, with more on the way. **Please register early!** They are **all virtual events**, so you can enjoy them from the comfort of your home, slippers up and a warm beverage in hand.

Upcoming LDAWC Workshops & Events



Saturday, April 10th at 10:00 am-LDAWC-OVERCOMING CHALLENGES TO BECOME YOUR BEST SELF-WITH COLBY SHARMA

Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm- LDAWC- VIRTUAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (Peer Support Network)

Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30 pm- LDAWC- CARE FOR

THE CAREGIVER VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Thank you so much for your interest!



Webinars

Tuesday, April 6th at 1:00 pm- <u>How Oppositional Defiant Disorder Ruptures Families — and How You Can Learn to Manage It</u> (ADDitude)

Wednesday, April 14th at 7:30 pm- <u>Using Assessments to Drive Literacy Instruction</u> (International Dyslexia Association Ontario)

Wednesday, April 21st at 1:00 pm- "Why Am I Always So Tired?" The Latest Science on Improving Sleep in Children and Teens with ADHD (ADDitude)

Monday, April 26th at 6:00 pm- IEP Online Workshop (Learning Disabilities Association of York Region)

Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm - Finding the Right Assistive Technology for Your Child (Shift Your Thinking)









Local Events

Guelph Public Library- explore their virtual events for the month of <u>APRIL</u>. Everything from creative crafts to writing contests, virtual story times to sing alongs!

Wellington County Library- a fantastic line-up of activities are ready for you this <u>APRIL</u>. Loads of fun including Erick Traplin, Dan the Music Man, puppetry, magic and storytime.

Wellington County Youth Services- Check out their <u>list of offerings!</u>

SAVE THE DATE!

Looking for Tools & Strategies to support your Child's Social Skills & Learning?

7th Annual Family Conference Sponsored by





Date: Saturday, October 16th, 2021

Time: 9:00 am – 3:40 pm

Location: Virtual Event via Zoom

Registration opening in the Spring. No Charge to Attend.

Who should attend: Parents/caregivers/educators of children with learning disabilities and/or ADHD seeking tools & strategies to support social skills & learning at school and at home.







Keynote Speaker: Rick Lavoie, Author and Parenting Expert



"Last one picked, First one picked on..."

Ten ways that parents and teachers can improve kids' social skills

In addition to academic failure, many children with learning disabilities also experience social isolation and rejection. Current research indicates that social deficits and failure are connected directly to the weaknesses that cause academic challenges (faulty memory, disinhibition, temporal difficulties, impulsivity, etc).

This seminar will explore and explain the connection between learning disorders and social competence and offer specific strategies that can be used to teach friendship skills to children and youth with special needs.

<u>Breakout Sessions include</u>: Healthy Peer Interactions, Social Skills Development, Social Impact of Learning Disabilities, EdTech, Social Media, Cyberbullying & Internet Safety, Relationships and more!

For More Information: info@LDAWC.ca or 519-837-2050



Summer Camps

Camp Kennebec- Camp Kennebec, is a wonderful place where kids & teens with special needs have a great time, accomplish more than they ever expected, make new friends, and best of all, create the fabulous summer memories they deserve. https://campkennebec.com/ 613-335-2114





Camp Kirk- Overnight camp for children ages 6 to 13 with Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorders & ASD. Camp Kirk offers a nurturing, non-competitive and structured environment where children with exceptionalities can learn social and physical skills to empower them and help them become the best that they can be. https://www.campkirk.com/ 416-782-3310

Camp Kodiak- A unique, integrated, non-competitive summer camp for children & teens with & without Learning Disabilities, ADHD, and High-Functioning ASD. (approx. 3.5 hours North of Guelph)

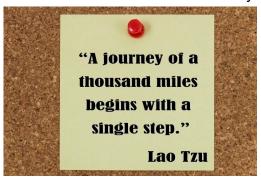
https://www.campkodiak.com/ (705) 389-1910

Articles and Videos

What is Nonverbal Learning Disorder? An article written by Devon Frye, Linda Karnanzalis, M.S. and reviewed by ADDitude's ADHD Medical Review Panel.

What are Learning Disabilities? A quick video explanation produced by the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta and created by Ryan Ewasko of Twine Box Studios

<u>14 Signs of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)</u> Medically reviewed by Timothy J. Legg, Ph.D., CRNP — Written by the Healthline Editorial Team on February 19, 2020



Prescription Eyeglasses for Individuals with Financial Need

The Guelph's Lion's Club has a partnership with LensCrafters at Stone Road Mall to provide prescription glasses to anyone who needs them and doesn't have the means to pay for them. LensCrafters will also arrange for the prescription if one is not available.



For more information, please see the procedure info here

Further questions can be directed to the Guelph Lions Club info@guelphlionsclub.org or 519-341-3575







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People with learning disabilities can succeed when taught coping skills and learning strategies but if left unsupported, their mental health and well-being will be at risk. In fact, 50% of adolescent suicides involve a youth with learning disabilities.

Now imagine if that was your child.

Children in our community that have a learning disability, require specific skills and strategies to focus on strengths and minimize, improve or work around weaknesses.

Our organization exists to provide specialized programs, resources and support to families, children and educators.

If you are looking for a way to give back, please consider <u>supporting learning disabilities</u> and let's make a difference together, for the families in our community.

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