



Colorado Dyslexia Awareness Campaign

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Signs of Dyslexia

General

- Learning to speak
- Organizing written and spoken language
- Learning the letters and their sounds
- Memorizing number facts
- Spelling
- Reading
- Learning a foreign language
- Correctly doing math operations

Not all students who have difficulties with these skills are dyslexic. Formal testing is the only way to confirm a diagnosis of dyslexia. (The International Dyslexia Association, www.interdys.org)

Early Clues to Dyslexia

- A delay in speaking (18 vs. 12 months)
- Insensitivity to rhyme
- Trouble learning nursery rhymes
- Trouble remembering the days of the week
- Difficulty in learning and remembering letter names
- Trouble recognizing letters in his or her name



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Denver Dyslexia Resource Group

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hear about Colorado Dyslexia events.



Ages 5 to 6

- Trouble recognizing letters or numbers
- Trouble writing letters or numbers
- Trouble writing name
- Trouble recognizing rhyming words (cat, bat, mat, rat)
- Trouble connecting letters and sounds
- Trouble recognizing words that start with the same sound
- Difficulties in pronunciation that continue past the normal time (e.g. *pisgetti* for spaghetti, *aminal* for animal, *hangburger* for hamburger)

Ages 6 to 7

- Difficulty recognizing common parts in words (mat, rat)
- Trouble reading one-syllable words (mat, top)
- Complains reading is hard
- Reading errors suggest problems connecting sounds and letters (*big* for goat)
- Trouble reading common sight words: *where*, *two*
- Refuses to read aloud



Ages 7 and older

- When speaking, mispronounces long words (*amulium* for aluminum)
- Confuses words that sound alike (*tornado* for volcano)
- Has word finding problems
- Guesses wildly when reading multisyllable words
- Omits reading “little words” such as *an, the*
- Spells terribly
- Has trouble finishing school work on time

Adults

- May hide reading problems
- May spell poorly; may rely on others to correct spelling.
- Avoids writing; may not be able to write.
- Often very competent in oral language.
- Relies on memory; may have an excellent memory.
- Often have good “people” skills.

Background on the Dyslexia Awareness Campaign:

[The Listening to Learn Guild, Inc., \(LTLG\)](#) a Colorado 501 (3) c, is collaborating with other non-profits, foundations, and companies to host a [Dyslexia Awareness Campaign](#) (DAC) in Colorado. The intent of the campaign is to raise awareness about dyslexia and related resources for parents, students, and professionals. The event will take place in October 2011, celebrating [Colorado’s Dyslexia Awareness Month](#). The green ribbon is the DAC’s signature symbol to raise awareness about dyslexia and literacy.