



Definition of Learning Disability

- ◇ Cognitive Impairment—which reduces the ability to understand new or complex information (IQ <70).
- ◇ Reduced ability to cope independently.
- ◇ Acquired before adulthood - (after 16 the brain has fully developed - damage after this time is classified as a brain injury).
- ◇ The limitation can show in many ways.

Possible indicators are:

- ◆ Difficulty in following instructions
- ◆ Difficulty in processing information
- ◆ Not able to cope with more than one task at a time
- ◆ Difficulty in understanding abstract concepts : eg time, distance, directions
- ◆ Repetition of phrases in conversation without expanding on content
- ◆ Confusion about times of appointments
- ◆ Lack of focus driven communication, agitation, lack of self control.

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