

# DDCDA Newsletter Issue 2 July 2024





Danielle Rosenberg, Stefan Ashley, Delaware Governor John Carney, Lisa Ashley, Ilona Holland in Wilmington, Delaware, Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

# Delaware Recognizes Dyspraxia Awareness Week

We are celebrating the official introduction of **Dyspraxia Awareness Week** in Delaware! This achievement was the result of our collective efforts alongside Lisa Ashley, whose son Stefan is diagnosed with Dyspraxia, leading to the successful sponsorship of the Resolution by Senator McBride.

This resolution designates October 9–16, 2024, as "Dyspraxia Awareness Week" in the State of Delaware, affirming the importance of widespread awareness and support for individuals with dyspraxia, and encouraging expanded efforts to foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding in Delaware.

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### We continue our collaborative efforts with Congress $\ensuremath{\mathrm{to}}$

pass legislation recognizing National Dyspraxia Awareness Week. Additionally, we are working towards obtaining a Government Accountability Office to research and report on how our community is currently being served and make recommendations on how to better serve our Dyspraxia/DCD community.

### IEPs, Assessments and Advocacy Webinar: July 30, 2024

Thanks to the introduction made by Alizabeth Shooster, our VP and in partnership with Stacey Hoaglund, President of the Autism Society of Florida, we have developed an informative webinar focused on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), assessments, and advocacy. This three-segment webinar will cover fundamental aspects: 1) Understanding IEPs, 2) Effective assessments, and 3) Advocacy tips and strategies. To register, go to: ContactUs@dyspraxiadcdamerica.org

### Dyspraxia/DCD Podcast

Our Founder & Executive Director, Danielle Rosenberg, will be featured on the <u>American Brain Coalition Podcast:</u> <u>Advocacy Champions: Voices For the Brain,</u> <u>Episode 36</u>. This episode is scheduled for release at the end of July 2024. Be sure to tune in to hear her insights on advocacy and awareness for Dyspraxia/DCD. https://sites.libsyn.com/420986/site

### Ask DDCDA

Will my child outgrow Dyspraxia/DCD? More research in teens and adults is needed, but studies have shown that the difficulties associated with Dyspraxia / DCD do continue beyond childhood (Blank et al., 2019). Activities of daily life may be affected, including learning how to drive. Research has shown, however, that early identification and treatment are important to helping individuals live to their full potential educationally, socially, and professionally.

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## In The News











## **New Printable Resources**

We have created a collection of new printable resources, including checklists to help identify indicators of Dyspraxia/DCD across various age groups. These resources are now available on our website and are designed to assist parents, educators, and healthcare professionals. https://www.dyspraxiadcdamerica.org/resources-general

### Collaboration with Ark+HLW International

We are excited to share our collaboration with the design firm Ark+HLW, which included an interview with Georgia Mejia, Volunteer Director of Social Media & Content Development for Dyspraxia DCD America. The interview highlights the importance of creating neurodiversefriendly workplace designs, emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility for all.

### The International Motor Development Research Consortium & The International Society of Research and Advocacy for **Development Coordination Disorder Conference**

Our Vice Chair & Volunteer Research Liaison, Dr. Priscila Tamplain, presented at the International conference DCD15-IMDRC6 in Ghent, Belgium held June 5-8th. Dr. Tamplain announced the 2026 Conference will be held in Arlington, TX!

### Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics **Annual Meeting September 2024**

Mark your calendars for September 2024 as we participate in this prestigious meeting. Mary Pritchard, Volunteer Director of Medical Outreach and Lisa Holm, Secretary/Treasurer & Volunteer Director of Education Advocacy, will be in attendance and representing Dyspraxia DCD America at this important event. We look forward to engaging with experts and sharing our accomplishments and goals.

### Dyspraxia/DCD Conference Hofstra University - December 2024

We are pleased to announce an upcoming conference on Dyspraxia/DCD at Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies in December 2024. This event will feature renowned speakers and provide in-depth coverage on various aspects of Dyspraxia/DCD.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND **CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM AS WE ADVANCE OUR MISSION TO RAISE** AWARENESS AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DYSPRAXIA/DCD. AS WE FORGE AHEAD, YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION REMAIN INVALUABLE. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT, PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING, AND ENSURING THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DYSPRAXIA/DCD RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT THEY DESERVE.