

1 Are you worried about your child?

2 Is your baby or young child developing like other children?

3 Is your child struggling at school?

4 Does your family need support in dealing with your child's disability?

If you are worried, remember that you aren't alone. Nearly one in every five children has difficulty learning and most parents have worried about their child's progress at some stage.

What should you look for?

Some parents just have a feeling that something is not quite right. Others are just worried about their child's development.

Parents know their child better than anyone else so trust your judgement if you feel there is something wrong.

Learning Links is one of a number of organisations you can call for help.

Some common signs for concern in your baby or toddler are difficulties with:

- using toys or utensils;
- getting on with other children;
- paying attention;
- eating and drinking;
- learning new things;
- listening and following directions; or
- coping with change.

For school age children some of the signs for concern are:

- trying hard but not achieving at school;
- difficulty reading, writing, spelling or with maths;
- having trouble concentrating or following instructions;
- confusing letters, numbers, days of the week; sequences of events or sounds; or
- regularly disrupting the class.

The early years are crucial to your child's development and this is when intervention can make the biggest difference to your child's future. The sooner you ask for help, the better for your child.

Learning Links

Learning Links was formed in 1972 to help children who have difficulty learning and their families.

Our programs and services bring together early childhood and specialist teachers, therapists, psychologists and family counsellors to help each family achieve their dreams for their child.

We also work with schools, children's services and other professionals to help each child be the best they can be.

Learning Links is a non-profit children's charity and as part of our role in the community, we try to raise awareness of the rights and needs of children who have difficulty learning and their families.

Many of our services are subsidised and we raise money to make sure we can help financially disadvantaged families who would otherwise find it difficult to afford specialist services for their children.

Our services

Learning Links offers services for children who have difficulty learning from birth to leaving school, families, teachers and health professionals.

Our services for children and families include:

- assessments to help find out if your child has difficulty learning and highlight their learning strengths;
- early childhood intervention for babies, toddlers and preschoolers;
- an inclusive preschool;
- speech, occupational and physiotherapy;
- specialist educational services for school age children;
- the Ronald McDonald Learning Programs for seriously ill children;
- Reading and Counting for Life Programs for primary school children falling behind in literacy and numeracy;
- centre and home-based family counselling;
- parenting, carers and siblings programs;
- case management programs; and
- children's groups and play therapy.

We also support health professionals and teachers through our Professional Development and Information Services. Training and information is available on topics such as:

- identifying and assisting children who have difficulty learning;
- child development & behavioural issues;
- basic counselling skills;
- study skills;
- attention problems;
- total communication & Makaton;
- supporting the inclusion of young children;
- understanding learning disabilities;
- early childhood intervention; and
- fine motor strategies.

Our experienced staff are happy to develop courses tailored to your specific needs.



Your support

As a charity we rely on community support to help kids learn. You can support Learning Links by becoming a member, making a donation (cash, services or products), a bequest, sponsoring a child or volunteering. Corporate sponsors are also welcome. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipted.

Becoming a member gives you access to our specialist services at member rates as well as supporting our children's future. Parents of children enrolled in a Learning Links' program pay our special Parent Member fee. Individuals, families, professionals, organisations and businesses are all welcome to become members.

Our service centres

Learning Links offers a range of services at six Sydney locations.

Head Office

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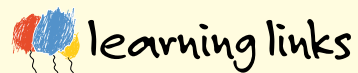
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Services for children from 0 to 6 – All enquiries to Head Office

Services for school age children – Ring your nearest location

Services for families – Ring Head Office or South West Sydney

All other enquiries – Head Office

Please help us help children

I would like to donate \$ _____ to help kids who have difficulty learning.

I would like to be a member of Learning Links.

(Please tick appropriate box below):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Member* | \$20 (including GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Family | \$45 (including GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional | \$45 (including GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Organisation | \$55 (including GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$70 (including GST) |

*Child enrolled in a Learning Links' program

Individual, Family and Professional members receive one copy of *Learning Links News* and Organisation and Corporate members receive two.

I enclose my: Cheque Money Order **or**

Charge my: Visa Mastercard Amex

Account No: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____ CCV*: _____

*For Visa and Mastercard last 3 digits on back of card.

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Occasionally Learning Links sends out fundraising information or raffle tickets. There is no obligation to participate in any fundraiser.

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