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**LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION BECOMES
MINNESOTA STATE AFFILIATE OF LDA OF AMERICA**

**Affiliate will be a statewide resource on learning disabilities
for parents and professionals**

MINNEAPOLIS, [July 24, 2003] — **Learning Disabilities Association of America** has recently voted to grant **state affiliation** to Learning Disabilities Association, Inc. (LDA), located in Minneapolis. LDA of America is a national non-profit organization made up of volunteers dedicated to identifying causes and promotion prevention of learning disabilities and to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families by encouraging effective identification and intervention, fostering research, and protecting their rights under law. The state's LDA Board of Directors has registered the name **Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of Minnesota** to denote the new statewide organization status. The organization is a nonprofit, full service educational agency that provides research-based programs, products and services for people of all ages who face learning difficulties.

“We are very excited to begin taking on a statewide leadership role,” said Kitty Christiansen, executive director of LDA of Minnesota. “Minnesota is rich with resources available to parents with children and adults who have disabilities. However, there is much more work to be done for families with learning disabilities throughout Minnesota. We believe that information is power and once parents of children with learning disabilities and related learning difficulties in Minnesota are aware of resources and services available to them, they can take important steps toward creating a significantly better future for their children.”

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About LDA of Minnesota

Located in Minneapolis, LDA of Minnesota is the state's leading nonprofit educational agency helping children, youth and adults with learning disabilities and related learning difficulties. For 36 years, LDA has been serving the needs of people of all ages with learning disabilities by maximizing their potential so they may lead more productive and fulfilled lives. Services include diagnostic assessments, one-to-one and small group tutoring, consultations, family literacy activities, school-to-work transition programming, parent and professional training, public education and high-quality educational products. LDA of Minnesota is the state affiliate of LDA of America, a volunteer, parent-driven, membership organization dedicated to information, advocacy, research and education focused on learning disabilities (LD).

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