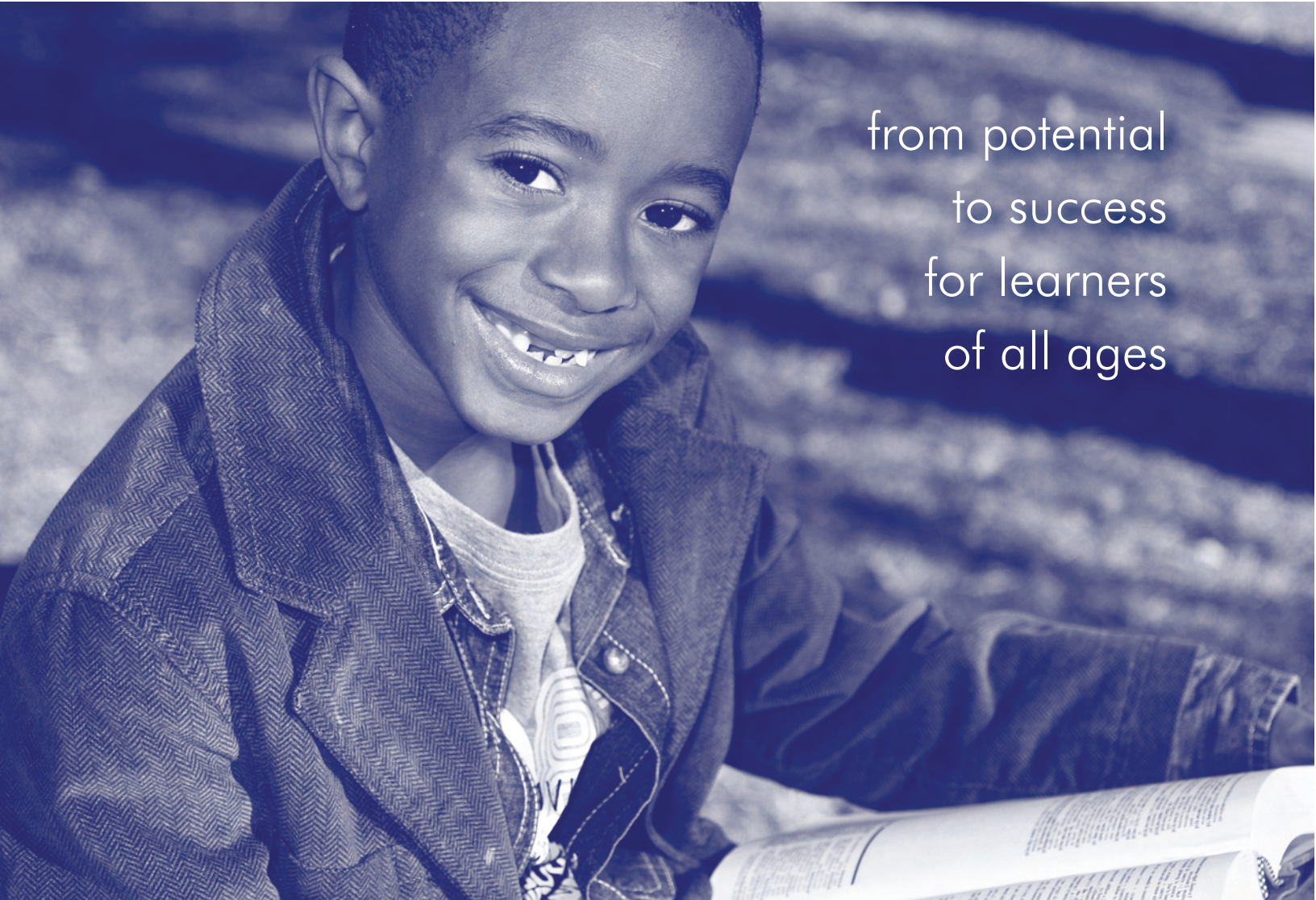


Closing Achievement Gaps

from potential
to success
for learners
of all ages



Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2006
Includes Fiscal Year 2005

Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota
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2006 Highlights

Merged with **Attention Deficits Support Services** and served over 1,000 people with ADHD workshops, support groups, and a free information and referral line.

Expanded **Learning Connections** early intervention services to over 600 students in 18 inner city schools in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Robbinsdale.

Developed the **Adult Reading Profile**, an assessment that is individualized according to each client's needs, current reading performance, and goals.

In collaboration with six community organizations, founded **Healthy Legacy**, a coalition advocating regulation of toxic chemicals that may affect learning and developmental disabilities.

In a new partnership with **Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome**, provided transition services to affected youth.

Relocated **LDA offices** to more spacious quarters to accommodate a staff that doubled in size from the previous fiscal year.

Dear Friends of LDA,

Joy...gratitude...relief. The joy a child feels when he first can read. The gratitude of an adult who has struggled his whole life with learning problems. The relief of a parent to find help for her child...this is what fuels our work at LDA. We close the gap between achievement and potential for persons of all ages with learning difficulties.

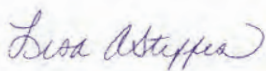
We are pleased to present this Annual Report to the community. The year 2006 was one of unprecedented growth for LDA, in number of persons served as well as in the range of services offered.

During Fiscal Year 2006, LDA acquired Attention Deficits Support Services, a small nonprofit with which LDA shared target populations, services, and goals. Approximately 30% of individuals with Attention-deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) also have a learning disability. By merging the two organizations, LDA can offer clients access to a more comprehensive range of services. In 2006, over 1,000 persons were served with ADHD workshops and support groups, and our free ADHD information and referral line.

Expansion was also a hallmark of LDA's community-based Learning Connections program. Specially-trained teachers worked with almost 700 at-risk students to help close the achievement gap for the Twin Cities' neediest children. In 2006, LDA also served children in St. Paul for the first time with this early-intervention program.

LDA continues to offer services for persons with learning difficulties over the entire lifespan. We also build the capacity of teachers and other professionals to address the needs of both children and adults, so they can overcome deficits and reach their potential.

We invite you to join us in this rewarding work. Thank you for your continued support.



Lisa Steffes, President
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Kitty Christiansen
Executive Director

The mission of **Learning Disabilities Association** is to maximize the potential of children, youth, and adults with learning disabilities, attention deficits, or related learning difficulties so that they and their families lead more productive and fulfilled lives.

Programs and Services 2006

Learning Connections focuses on preventing severe academic difficulties or school failure by providing early intensive reading and math instruction for children in the early grades. Specially trained teachers work with students in small groups to help close the achievement gap for the Twin Cities' neediest students.

- 662 children served (up 60% from the previous year)
- .8 to 1.2 grade levels gained in reading with 30 hours of instruction
- partnerships with 18 public, private, and alternative schools

Transition Connections partners with urban and suburban middle and high schools and youth serving agencies to help students with learning disabilities and attention deficits gain self awareness; knowledge about career, financial management, and training opportunities; and self advocacy skills that will help them make informed decisions about their future and increase the likelihood of their success and self sufficiency.

- 197 youths gained skills in career planning
- 100% reported increased self knowledge and awareness of career opportunities.
- 38 teachers received professional development in transition best practices
- 27 parents were trained to support their child in transitioning from high school

Assessment and Tutoring Services include learning disabilities assessments, early reading assessments, individual consultations, and 1:1 or small group tutoring services to assist children, youth, and adults throughout Minnesota to improve their learning strategies and skills to meet their academic, vocational, and personal goals.

- 175 individuals received intensive help to address their specific needs and maximize their strengths.
- 98% demonstrated increased knowledge and skills

Adult Connections improves the quality of teaching, employability, and learning for adults with learning disabilities and learning difficulties through customized professional training and consultation to build the capacity of teachers, supervisors, and volunteers. LDA's cutting edge research and documentation of best practices address significant learning barriers for students in the Adult Basic Education (ABE) system statewide.

- 550 teachers were trained
- 365 educational products developed by LDA were provided to ABE professionals
- 4,785 adult students were impacted

Parents as Partners engages and enables parents to become more involved and better equipped to support their children's learning. The program builds parent confidence to use their own strategies, and then empowers them with new tools, strategies, skills, and practical information that are sensitive to their culture and life situations.

- 491 parents were served with workshops and consultations
- 95% reported gains in knowledge; 75% gained confidence to act

ADHD Services include workshops, support groups, and free telephone consultations on the special issues and needs of individuals and families experiencing attention deficits. In September, 2005, LDA acquired Attention Deficits Support Services, a small nonprofit organization with which LDA shared target populations, services, and goals. Approximately 30% of individuals with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) also have a learning disability. By merging the two organizations, LDA offers clients a more comprehensive range of services.

- 561 people attended one or more ADHD workshops
- 83% reported increased their knowledge and understanding of ADHD
- 109 people attended one or more ADHD support group meetings.
- 100% of parents and 91% of adult clients reported increased knowledge and understanding of ADHD
- 375 free phone consultations

Capacity Building enhances the skills and resources of teachers, other professionals, and volunteers to support academic achievement by students experiencing learning disabilities, attention deficits, and other learning difficulties.

- 684 professionals were trained
- 94% gained knowledge

Public Education & Community Outreach provides information, training and educational resources about learning disabilities statewide through LDA's communications, web site, information and referral services, volunteer speakers, educational conferences and seminars.

- Almost 83,000 individuals were impacted with information and referrals



"Thank you, LDA! Your Learning Connections intensive reading instruction is one of the most effective interventions I've observed in my 26 years of school administration."

Minneapolis Elementary School Principal, 2006

“Thank you, LDA! Several years ago, you tested my 9th-grader at a 2nd-grade reading level. In one year of twice-weekly tutoring, she progressed to a 10th-grade level. She actually was able to go to college, something we had never dared dream for her!”

Parent of former tutoring student, 2006



Financial Report 2006

For the 12 months ended August 31, 2006

Operating Support and Revenue

Government grants and contracts for services	\$728,393
Foundation and corporate grants	459,866
United Way	191,441
Program revenue	75,867
General public support	19,938
In kind donation	3,023
Miscellaneous income	3,604
Interest	31,859

Total Operating Support and Revenue \$1,513,991

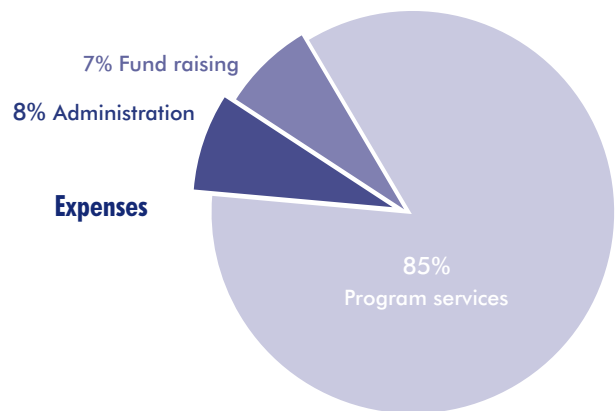
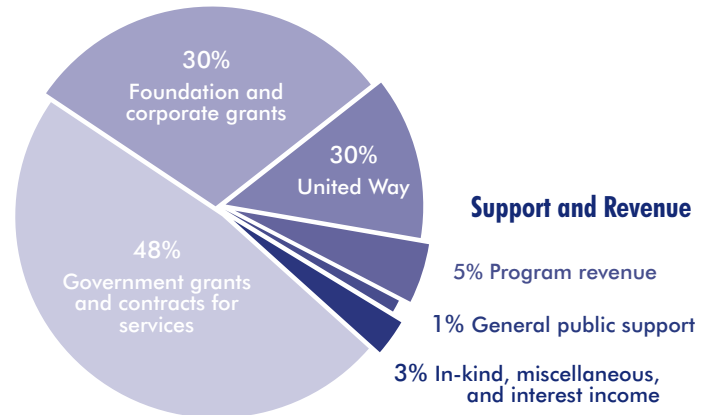
Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$1,255,776
Administration	122,391
Fund Raising	102,510

Total Operating Expenses \$1,480,677

Increase in Net Assets \$33,314

This statement is limited to operating activities. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.



Demographics 2006

LDA directly served over 3,900 individuals in Fiscal Year 2006. An additional 83,000 individuals received information and resources about learning disabilities, attention deficits, and LDA's services.

Individuals in Direct Service

891 children	23%
1,197 parents	30%
1,306 professionals	34%
510 adult clients	13%

Demographics for Children in Direct Service

Low Income	73%
Children	27%
Male	54%
Female	46%
African American	35%
Asian American	6%
Caucasian/White	16%
Chicano/Latino	18%
American Indian	11%
Multi Racial	6%
Unknown/Other	8%

Gifts to LDA 2006

Fiscal Year 2006: September 2005 – August 2006

Corporate and Foundation Donors, Government Grants, Contracts for Service

Foundation Builders

\$30,000+

Cargill Foundation
Deluxe Corporation
Foundation
Greater Twin Cities United Way
McKnight Foundation
Minneapolis Public Schools
Annunciation
Nawayee
Risen Christ
San Miguel
Southside
Minnesota Department of Education
St. Paul Public Schools
Christ's Household of Faith
IHM St. Luke
St. Matthew
St. Peter Claver

Leaders

\$10,000-\$29,000

Allianz Life
Ameriprise Financial
Fred C. and Katherine B.
Andersen Foundation
Bayport Foundation
Beim Foundation

Partners

\$5,000-\$9,999

Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
Beldon Fund, The Tides Center
Margaret Rivers Fund
Xcel Foundation

Guardians

\$1,000-\$4,999

Ameriprise Financial Employee Giving Campaign Match
Burdick-Craddick Foundation
Cutter Associates
Edina Public Schools
Jostens Foundation
Kopp Family Foundation

LDM of Duluth
Malt-O-Meal
RBC Dain Rauscher
Foundation
Rosemount, Inc.
Securian
Tozer Foundation
Wayzata Family Services

Sponsors

\$250-\$999

ATK Alliant Techsystems
Citizenship Fund
Dorsey & Whitney Foundation
GMC- RFC
Healthfund of Minnesota
Hubbard Foundation
Michael Foods
MINCO
PGN Foundation
United Way of Delaware

Friends

Up to \$249

Health Fund of Minnesota
Lafayette Township United Fund, Inc.
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

Individual Gifts

Guardians

\$1,000-\$4,999

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Ari Fuad
Gail Fuad
Larry Getlin
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Thomas Ritchie
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\$250-\$999

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Timothy Pollis
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Lawrence White
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Adam Wright
Sarah Zanger
In honor of Joe Cihlar
Beth Kennedy
David and Janet Marshall
In honor of Edith Quicksell
David and Janet Marshall

In-Kind Gifts

First Book
David Fortney & Pam Lux
Publishing Business Systems
Matthew and Laura Schoen

We regret if we have inadvertently omitted your name. We deeply appreciate your gift. Please contact us so we can correct our records.

"Thank you, LDA! You diagnosed Bill, my adult reading student, with dyslexia, helped me with instructional recommendations, and prepared the paperwork for GED accommodations. As of last week, Bill has increased his reading scores by almost 6 years, passed all GED tests with flying colors, and is awaiting a job promotion!"

Adult Basic Education Instructor, 2006

Fiscal Year 2005

In 2005, LDA changed its fiscal year to align more closely with program activities that are delivered predominantly during the school year. Fiscal Year 2005 served as the eight month transition year, covering January – August 2005. Fiscal Year 2006 then began on September 1, 2005, and covered the next 12 months, through August 31, 2006.



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Programs and Services 2005

Fiscal Year 2005

Learning Connections

- Early intervention intensive instruction for low income children at risk of academic failure
- 423 children served

Transition Connections

- Helping at risk youth prepare for life after high school
- 174 youths gained skills in career planning
- 49 teachers and parents gained knowledge to support students

Adult Connections

- Improving the quality of teaching, employability, and learning for adults with learning difficulties
- 290 teachers were trained

Assessment and Tutoring Services

- 185 individuals received intensive help to address their specific needs and maximize their strengths

Parents as Partners

- Helping parents support their children's learning.
- 231 parents were served with workshops and consultations

Capacity Building

- Enhancing the skills and resources of teachers and other professionals
- 765 professionals were trained

Public Education & Community Outreach

- Over 57,000 individuals received information and referrals

Financial Report 2005

For the 8 months ended August 31, 2005

Operating Support and Revenue

Government grants and contracts for services	\$417,869
Foundation and corporate grants	177,425
United Way	118,284
Program revenue	49,104
General public support	7,420
Interest	16,814

Total Operating Support and Revenue **\$786,916**

Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$628,035
Administration	88,257
Fund Raising	52,674

Total Operating Expenses **\$768,966**

Increase in Net Assets **\$17,950**

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Gifts to LDA 2005

Fiscal Year 2005: January – August 2005

Corporate and Foundation Donors, Government Grants, Contracts for Service

Foundation Builders

\$30,000+

Cargill Foundation
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Hope Academy
Minneapolis Public High Schools
Nawayee
Risen Christ
San Miguel
Southside
Minnesota Department of Education

Leaders

\$10,000-\$29,000

Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation
Bayport Foundation
YouthLink

Partners

\$5,000-\$9,999

Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
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Rosemount, Inc.
Securian
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Xcel Foundation

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Express Scripts
Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
Michael Foods
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Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

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Up to \$249

Minnesota Life College

Individual Gifts

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“Thank you, LDA! You helped me find out about my learning disability. You have no idea how much of a relief it is for me to look in the mirror and no longer say to myself, ‘You are a fraud,’ but instead, ‘You are really smart, and you just have this learning deal that you need to get around.’”

Adult Assessment Client, 2006

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