

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2007

Highlights 2007

Began offering **Diagnostic Assessments** to confirm or rule out Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other learning difficulties, in addition to Learning Disability Assessments.

Developed the capacity to train and consult with schools and school districts about **Response to Intervention (RTI)**, an alternative pathway to special education assessment that could speed identification of eligible students.

Carried out the first annual **LDA Spring Book Drive**, to provide free books for the low-income children served in the Learning Connections early intervention program.

Produced **Story by Story**, a new curriculum based on stories with low-level literacy and high interest content for adults who are learning to read.

Reached a record **1,500 parents** with information and resources to support their children's academic success.

Initiated **individualized transition coaching** for youth with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD.



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Learn Dream Achieve

Dear Friends of LDA,

Helping people of all ages *learn* how to learn successfully, enabling them to *dream* of possibilities they thought were beyond their reach, allowing them to *achieve* their goals...

This is our work at LDA Minnesota. Empowering people to realize their potential. Restoring hope. Celebrating the achievement of personal and educational success.

In 2007, LDA Minnesota moved toward achieving some dreams of our own by upgrading programs to serve our clients more fully. We added additional capability to our assessment service by offering Diagnostic Assessments to confirm or rule out Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other learning difficulties, in addition to Specific Learning Disabilities.

We expanded parent involvement programming, and reached a record 1,500 parents of children with learning difficulties, enhancing their ability to support their child's success.

We improved our capacity to evaluate our work by adopting a more precise assessment protocol to measure gains made by our students who receive intensive early interventions. Now we can determine which students are truly closing the achievement gap.

Recognizing that students with learning difficulties often struggle in planning their post-secondary education, identifying their options, and advocating for themselves, we initiated transition coaching for youth with learning disabilities and/or ADHD.

Our work is critical, yet highly satisfying. We restore hope and allow dreams to come true. We invite you to join us in helping people *learn, dream, and achieve!*

Carol Brumwell
Carol Brumwell, President
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Executive Director

Programs and Services 2007

Learning Connections focuses on preventing school failure by providing early intensive reading and math instruction for children who have fallen behind in the early grades. Specially-trained teachers work with students in small groups to help close the achievement gap for students in Twin Cities low-income schools.

- 591 children received individualized instruction
- 98% of students improved their academic achievement



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.

- 121 youths gained skills in career planning
- 100% reported increased self-knowledge and awareness of career opportunities
- 14 teachers received professional development in transition best practices

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.

- 171 individuals received intensive help to address their specific needs and maximize their strengths
- 100% demonstrated increased knowledge and skills

The mission of LDA Minnesota is to help children, youth, and adults with learning difficulties learn successfully, dream of possibilities, and achieve their goals.

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.

- 315 teachers were trained
- 6,789 adult learners were impacted

Parents as Partners enables parents of children with learning difficulties to become more involved and better equipped to support their children's learning. The program empowers parents with new tools, strategies, skills, and practical information sensitive to their cultures and life situations.

- 788 parents attended workshops or received consultations
- 86% reported gains in knowledge

ADHD Services include workshops, support groups, and free telephone consultations on the special issues and needs of individuals and families experiencing attention deficits

- 539 people attended one or more ADHD workshops
- 81% reported increased knowledge and understanding of ADHD
- 66 people attended one or more ADHD support group meetings
- 254 people helped through 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.

- 101 professionals were trained
- 82% 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.

- Approximately 110,000 individuals were impacted with information and referrals

Financial Report 2007

For the 12 months ended August 31, 2007

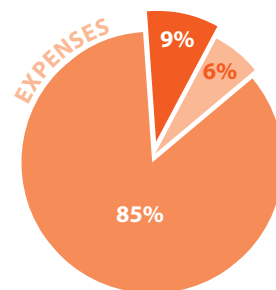
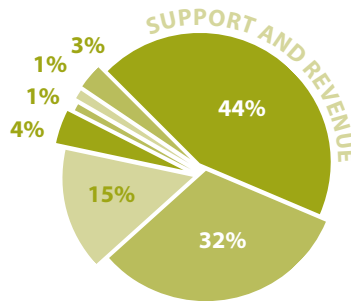
Operating Support and Revenue

Government grants and contracts for services	\$823,066
Foundation and corporate grants	595,606
United Way	283,432
Program revenue	76,810
General public support	17,949
In-kind donations	15,337
Interest income	47,991
Total Operating Support and Revenue	\$1,860,191

Operating Expenses

Program Services	\$1,603,880
Administration	163,422
Fundraising	114,429
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,881,731*
Change in Net Assets	(\$21,540)

*Reflects Board-approved deficit spending for upgraded technology
This statement is limited to operating activities. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.



Support and Revenue

Government grants and contracts for services	44%
Foundation and corporate grants	32%
United Way	15%
Program revenue	4%
General public support	1%
In-kind donations	1%
Interest income	3%

Expenses

Program Services	85%
Administration	9%
Fundraising	6%

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Demographics 2007

LDA directly served almost 3,000 individuals in Fiscal Year 2007. An additional 110,000 individuals received information and resources about learning disabilities, attention deficits, other learning difficulties, and LDA's services.

Individuals in Direct Service

774 children	26%
1,487 parents	50%
430 professionals	14%
291 adult clients	10%

Demographics for Children in Direct Service

Low-income	80%
Female	52%
Male	48%
African-American	43%
American Indian	10%
Asian American	7%
Caucasian/White	12%
Hispanic/Latino	19%
Multi-Racial	4%
Other/Unknown	5%

Gifts to LDA 2007

Corporate and Foundation Donors, Government Grants, Contracts for Service

Foundation Builders \$100,000+

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