



Annual Report to the Community  
Fiscal Year 2011  
September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011

Learning Disabilities Association, Inc.



Dear Friends of LDA,

As we enter our 45th year of service to the community, all of us at LDA Minnesota reflect on the rich history and experience of the organization. From helping at-risk children learn to read to supporting families facing struggles managing ADHD, LDA's underlying goal throughout our history has been to maximize the potential of individuals facing learning and attention difficulties. We want our clients to dream of possibilities and have the ability to achieve their goals.

Thanks to a generous community of partners, donors, staff, volunteers and stakeholders, LDA reached 3,134 children, youth, adults and family members in FY2011. You'll read in the next several pages the reach and depth of LDA's work with these individuals. Whether they gained information through a training or received intensive reading instruction everyday for 9 months, LDA's work helped them to overcome their learning or attention difficulties.

Despite our efforts in addressing the learning needs of those facing the most difficulties, our work is far from done. The rate of ADHD affecting children and youth continues to rise, Minnesota's achievement gap facing students of color in our state continues to be one of the highest in the nation, and educators and professionals are facing more complex students with learning challenges than ever before at all levels within our education systems. LDA Minnesota will be here to help and we look forward to the next 45 years as the leader in addressing learning and attention difficulties in Minnesota.

Warmest Regards,

Karen L. Lee  
President, Board of Directors

Kitty Christiansen  
Executive Director

The mission of LDA Minnesota is to help individuals with learning difficulties *Learn* successfully, *Dream* of possibilities, and *Achieve* their goals.



## Financial Position

### Current Assets

Cash	\$1,007,894
Pledges, Receivables, Prepaid Expenses	5,024
Property and equipment, net	1,426,551
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,439,469</b>

### Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities	78,406
Long-term Debt	968,104
Net Assets	1,392,959

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets** **\$2,439,469**

### Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue & Expenses

Fees for service & contracts	\$836,751
Contributions & public support	626,267
Interest income	608
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>1,463,626</b>

Program Expenses	1,085,948
Supporting Activity Expenses	
Administration	112,820
Fundraising	129,280
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,328,048</b>

**Net Change in Assets** **\$135,578**



## Program Results

### Learning Connections

*Addressing the achievement gap in our urban communities*

Learning Connections focuses on preventing severe academic difficulties or school failure by providing intensive reading, math and writing instruction to low-income children and youth, in addition to support for their parents, and resources to classroom teachers.

The Learning Connections program enrolled 647 students during the 2010-2011 school year. Based on our pre and post-test data, 68% of students closed their achievement gaps by exceeding grade level expectations during their participation in the program.

### Parents as Partners

*Empowering parents to be their child's first teacher*

This community-based program provides training, resources and support to increase parent involvement in pre-Kindergarten literacy preparedness. The program builds parent confidence to use their own strengths, and empowers them with new tools, strategies, skills, and practical information that are sensitive to their culture and life situations.

In FY2011, the Parents as Partners program served 922 parents; 100% of parents of pre-school age children reported increasing early literacy activities with their children and 100% of parents of school-aged children gained useful information and strategies to support their children's academic success.

## Assessment & Instructional Services

*Uncovering and addressing learning and attention*

Services are provided to children, youth and adults and include learning and attention deficit diagnostic assessments; individual consultations; and individualized tutoring to meet academic, vocational, and personal goals of students.

LDA Minnesota helped 144 students of all ages during FY2011; 96% gained self-knowledge and strategies to achieve their goals.

## Adult Support Services

*Supporting life and family issues*

Workshops, support groups, and consultations on special issues and needs of parents of children, spouses, professionals and adults affected by learning disabilities or attention deficits were provided to 571 individuals in FY 2011. Of those completing surveys, 94% reported gaining knowledge, resources and support to help them manage their learning and attention challenges.

## Professional Development

*Building capacity to better address learning and attention challenges*

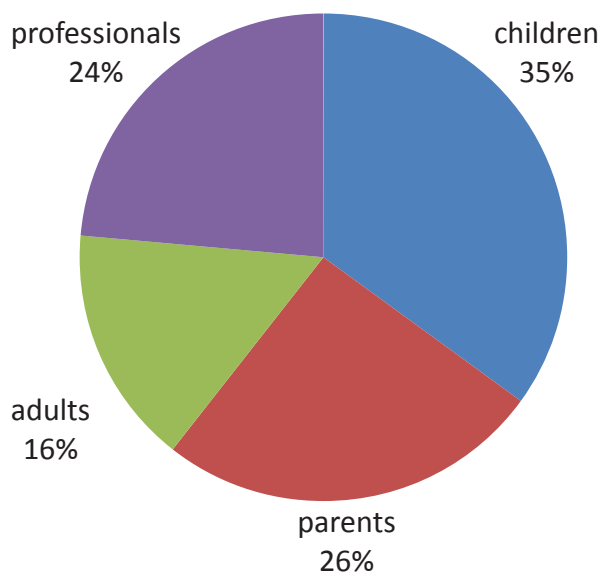
LDA Minnesota provides training and resources to educators and other professionals to improve teaching and learning strategies to enhance the performance of individuals with learning disabilities, attention deficits, and other learning difficulties. In FY 2011, LDA provided information, resources and workshops to 850 teachers and other professionals.

## LDA Helped...

3,606 children, parents, adults and professionals from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011.

69% Low income individuals

69% Persons of color



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# About LDA Minnesota

LDA Minnesota (Learning Disabilities Association, Inc.) is the state's leading nonprofit education agency helping children, youth, and adults with learning and attention difficulties, including learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, and other learning challenges.

For more than 45 years, LDA has served people of all ages with learning difficulties by helping them achieve their potential so they may lead more productive and fulfilling lives.

LDA Minnesota partners with schools, community agencies, post-secondary institutions, and private foundations to help address learning and achievement gaps of our neediest citizens throughout the Twin Cities and Minnesota. More than 85% of LDA's students come from low-income families and diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Our work is made possible by support from the community. To make a donation, go to [www.ldaminnesota.org](http://www.ldaminnesota.org).



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