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CDHS Neurodiversity News!

Neurodiversity refers to the concept that each person's brain functions in its own unique way.

While brain development follows common patterns, no two brains are exactly alike. Being neurodivergent means having a brain that processes information, experiences, or interacts with the world differently from the typical or neurotypical brain.

Neuroscience, brain imaging and clinical research tell us a few important things about what ADHD is and **what it is not:**

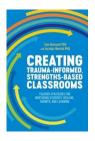
- ADHD is not children being naughty.
- ADHD is not a mental illness.
- ADHD is not a specific learning disability. (Although the symptoms can affect learning and social skills). It is instead a developmental condition that affects the brain's self-management system (executive functions),
- It is not a condition that is outgrown and by 12 years old, an undiagnosed student will receive a minimum of 20 000 more negative comments than other students their age.
- Medications are not addictive and have few significant side effects.

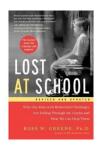
Academic limitations Occupational Relationships Vocational Relationships Legal ADHD Low self esteem Motor vehicle Injuries Smoking and substance abuse

Books Recommended









We may have a couple of these books at school. If you would like to borrow one, please contact
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If you suspect that you or your child may have ADHD, we recommend consulting with a healthcare provider for guidance and support.

(References: https://www.webmd.com, ADHDWA)