



## Dyslexia: A Guide for Parents - Tips on Supporting Your Newly Diagnosed Child

As a parent, receiving a dyslexia diagnosis for your child can be overwhelming. Here are a few suggestions for parents of newly diagnosed children with dyslexia:

**Understanding Dyslexia:** Dyslexia is a neurological difference that affects reading and language processing, but it is not a reflection of intelligence or motivation. Understanding the nature of dyslexia is the first step in providing effective support for your child. A useful resource is [Overcoming Dyslexia](#) by Dr. Sally Shawitz.

**Emphasizing Strengths:** While dyslexia can present challenges in reading and writing, it's crucial to focus on your child's strengths. Many dyslexics excel in areas such as creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking. By emphasizing these strengths, you can help boost your child's confidence and self-esteem.

**Successful Dyslexics:** It's inspiring to know that many successful individuals, including Richard Branson, Steven Spielberg, Ann Bancroft, Maya Hawke and even NASA astronauts and scientists, have dyslexia. Dyslexia is not a barrier to success, your child can still achieve their goals and aspirations.

**Working with a Trained [Academic Language Therapist](#):** To help close the gap in reading and language processing, consider working with a trained academic language therapist. These professionals can provide specialized instruction and develop strategies to support your child's learning.

**Moving to a Private School:** If your child's current public school is not providing the appropriate instruction, you might want to consider private schools that specialize in supporting students with learning differences. These schools typically have the resources to provide specialized support that can help your child succeed. However, it's important to keep in mind that this option requires careful research and a realistic assessment of your budget before making a decision.

**Finding Support:** Raising a child with dyslexia can be challenging, but you don't have to go it alone. Consider finding other parents who understand what you're going through. Groups like [IDEAS](#) have resources and information to share, and the friendship of other parents can be invaluable.

**Celebrating Progress:** Dyslexia is a journey, and it's important to celebrate your child's progress and accomplishments along the way. Whether it's mastering a new skill or reading their first book, every achievement is a step towards success.

**Maximizing Success for Your Child:** By focusing on your child's strengths, working with a trained academic language therapist, and connecting with other parents, you can give your child the right dyslexia instruction they need to succeed. Remember to celebrate their progress and milestones along the way. By utilizing these resources and support systems, you can support your child in reaching their fullest potential for joy and fulfillment.

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