

One out of every ten children - over 100,000 Indiana school age students are diagnosed with a Learning Disability (LD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Although students with LD and ADHD are just as intelligent as other students, they suffer academically and socially because of a difference in how they're brain is neurological wired. They may have trouble receiving, retaining and expressing the information they see, hear or feel, leading to difficulties in learning to read, write, speak, computing/understanding math concepts, sustaining attention or controlling their behavior. Even though these disabilities cannot be cured, with the right educational intervention and support services, students with LD and ADHD can succeed in school and become productive citizen in our communities.



This year, LDA of Indiana will celebrate our 35th Annual State LD & ADHD Conference. Since 1974, our annual conference has grown into Indiana's largest educational forum focusing on learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders, and is attended by hundreds of public and private school teachers from the special ed and regular ed fields, administrators, parents, psychologists, counselors, tutors, advocates, educational consultants and other related service specialists from communities across Indiana.

We invite you to join us at this year's conference as we celebrate 35 years of conference excellence by providing you high-quality topical workshop sessions that share current ideas, innovative and researched based approaches to teaching and student learning - all designed to improve the education and lifelong outcomes of students with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders!

**Call for 2009 State Award Nominations**

Do you know an outstanding Indiana Student with LD or ADHD?...Then this is your opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of students with learning disability or attention deficit disorder, even the 'C' students! Let them know that you recognize their daily struggles as well as their achievements as they pursue their academic and life goals - let them know that they are an inspiration to you. Now - how about an Indiana Parent, Teacher, Administrator or Service Provider who makes a difference in the life of students or adults with LD or ADHD or for the support they provide their families? Help us recognize their accomplishments by nominating them today!

Please consider honoring someone from your school district or community by nominating them for one of the awards listed below. Individuals may be nominated for more than one category if eligible. Visit our website for details and to complete our on-line nomination form.

**Nomination Categories**

- LDA of Indiana College Scholarship - \$1,000 Award
- High School Student of the Year
- Middle / Jr. High School Student of the Year
- Elementary School Student of the Year
- Parent of the Year
- Teacher of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Outstanding Service Award

The awards presentations will be made during the November 2009 Annual State Conference. The awards committee will send all non-selected nominees an acknowledgement card in recognition of their nomination. Award Nominations Due by September 15, 2009!

**2009 Conference Highlights**

- ◆ Twenty LD and ADHD Topical Breakout Workshops
- ◆ Awards Luncheon featuring Samantha Abeel from Muncie, IN. As an author of two award winning books and a public speaker, she gives a moving and powerful story from "the first person" perspective on what it is like to grow up with a learning disability. Come hear her inspiring story of awareness, facing obstacles, developing positive self-esteem and her message of hope!
- ◆ Conference Approved for 3 CRU's from INDOE and 6 CEU's from ICA. Certificate of Attendance also available.
- ◆ Bookstore hosted by Barnes and Noble – with a 20% discount!
- ◆ Door Prizes

Pre-Register by Oct. 16th – Save \$15!

Pre-Registration Rates:	Everyone
Professionals - \$130	Pre-Registering
One Parents - \$85	will receive Ms. Abeel's book
Two Parents - \$130	'My Thirteenth Winter'
College Student - \$75.	Free!

Conference materials and our awards luncheon are included with Pre-Registration. Add \$15 to the rates above for Late and On-Site Registrations. On-Site Registration will be available as space permits, but may not include the luncheon. A limited number of Reduced Rate and Full Scholarships are available for parents and teachers.

The conference will be held at the Ritz Charles Conference Center, 12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, IN 46032. Discounted overnight rooms will be available at the Hampton Inn across the street. Visit our website for details and a copy of our conference program.

**View and Download our Conference Program & Registration Form from our Website**  
[www.LDAofIndiana.org](http://www.LDAofIndiana.org)