



Mary Pritchard, Volunteer Director of Medical Outreach, and her husband Mike at the Annual SDBP Meeting in Washington DC

2024 Annual Meeting of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)

Mary and Mike Pritchard hosted the Dyspraxia DCD America booth at the Annual SDBP Meeting in September, 2024. The meeting provides a forum for pediatric healthcare professionals including pediatricians, nurse practitioners, psychologists, and others who provide care for children with developmental differences and behavioral challenges.

Approximately 700 SDBP members attended this year's meeting, providing us with a wonderful opportunity to support the first pillar of our Strategic Plan, which is to spread awareness. Despite being as common as ADHD and more common than Autism, Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), also known as Dyspraxia, is not familiar to most Americans, including healthcare professionals!

We were honored that there was so much interest in the diagnosis and treatment of children with DCD. We look forward to our continued partnership with SDBP to help spread awareness among healthcare professionals so that children (and adults!) with Dyspraxia/DCD and their families can receive the care and support they deserve.

IEP Webinar for Parents Was a Great Success!

Our first free webinar for parents was held on October 21. The speaker was Stacey Hoaglund, an award-winning strategic inclusion and diversity expert and disability consultant.

Stacey shared her invaluable expertise on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process, obtaining assessments and effectively advocating for support at school. We received wonderful reviews for Stacey's presentation and plan to offer more helpful webinars for parents in the future.

DDCDA on Podcasts!!!

Founder Danielle Rosenberg was a guest on the American Brain Coalition (ABC) podcast "Voices for the Brain". She shared her family's journey as well as the history and mission of DDCDA.

Volunteer Georgia Mejia spoke with HLW Architects during Neurodiversity Awareness Month about designing better workplaces for those with neurological differences such as Dyspraxia/DCD.

Ask DDCDA

Is it possible to have Dyspraxia/DCD along with other neurodevelopmental disorders such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)?

Yes! In fact it is very common for someone to have more than one neurodevelopmental disorder. Some of the conditions that may overlap with Dyspraxia/DCD include:

- **ADHD** (inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity)
- **Speech apraxia** (difficulty planning and sequencing the movements needed to speak)
- **Dyslexia** (difficulty with the speed and accuracy of word decoding/reading)
- **Dysgraphia** (difficulty with writing mechanics).



EVENTS

3rd Annual WABC Radiothon on Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Our Founder Danielle, her son Gabriel, Vice Board Chair Dr. Priscila Tamplain, and others shared their experiences and perspectives on Dyspraxia/DCD and our organization. We are eternally grateful to WABC for their ongoing support of DDCDA!

Workshop for Hofstra University Students, December 3, 2024

Danielle Rosenberg and Dr. Priscila Tamplain from DDCDA were featured speakers at a Dyspraxia/DCD Workshop at Hofstra University. Approximately 200 staff and students from various healthcare-related departments learned about identifying, diagnosing and supporting individuals with Dyspraxia/DCD. We greatly appreciate the invitation from Dr. Robert Gluck to collaborate on this workshop with the Zucker School of Medicine.

Florida Panthers Hockey Team to Sponsor Dyspraxia/DCD Day in 2025!

The Florida Panthers organization has generously offered to host a Dyspraxia/DCD Day at an upcoming home game (date to be determined). Hockey fans will learn a little something about Dyspraxia/DCD and further the mission of DDCDA!!

In The News

Delaware Officially Recognizes “Dyspraxia Awareness Week”

We are proud to announce that the first legislation officially recognizing October 9 to 16 as Dyspraxia Awareness Week was passed by the Delaware State Senate! This was the result of leadership by **Danielle Rosenberg, Founder and Executive Director of Dyspraxia DCD America**, along with Lisa Ashley, whose son Stefan is diagnosed with Dyspraxia. A huge thank you to Senator Sarah McBride and Representative Kerri Harris for sponsoring this important legislation which was passed on June 26, 2024.

Ongoing Federal Legislative Efforts

Representatives Mike Lawler and Josh Gottheimer have introduced 2 bipartisan resolutions to provide support for the millions of Americans with Dyspraxia/DCD. A resolution designating **National Dyspraxia/DCD Awareness Week** was introduced on July 11, 2024.

On October 11 of this year, the **Gabriel Rosenberg Dyspraxia/DCD Coverage Act** was introduced. This bill will establish a study on current insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment and identify barriers to coverage. The bill holds special significance for our organization. Gabriel, son of the founders of Dyspraxia DCD America, was diagnosed with Dyspraxia early in life. Thanks to early diagnosis and access to essential services, he has overcome significant challenges.

We thank Representatives Lawler and Gottheimer for their continued efforts to pass this legislation which will be invaluable to those struggling with Dyspraxia/DCD in the US.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our donors as we advance our mission to raise awareness and provide resources for those affected by Dyspraxia/DCD. We're proud of what our small group of volunteers has accomplished thus far, but there's so much more to do. As we forge ahead, your continued support and collaboration remain invaluable. Together, we can make a lasting impact by promoting understanding and ensuring that individuals with Dyspraxia/DCD receive the understanding and support they deserve.



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