



Volunteers Mary and Mike Pritchard and Lisa Holm hosted the DDCDA Booth at the Annual AAP Conference!

2025 Annual American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Conference

Lisa Holm and Mary and Mike Pritchard hosted the Dyspraxia DCD America booth at the Annual AAP Conference in September 2025. The meeting provides a forum for pediatric healthcare professionals including pediatricians, nurse practitioners, psychologists, and others who provide care for children.

Approximately 8,000 AAP 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 AAP 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.

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is December 2nd! In this season of giving and togetherness, we hope you think of Dyspraxia DCD America and our mission to spread awareness and support of Dyspraxia/DCD!

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NURSE TO HEALTH PODCAST!



John Mullen, Gabe Rosenberg, and Dr. Robert Gluck

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DDCDA Founder, Danielle Rosenberg, and her son Gabriel, were on the Nurse to Health Podcast with Dr. Robert Gluck. To listen, find the link on the News page of our website, OR scan the QR code.

Ask DDCDA

How can I get accommodations for my child at school?

Each school district is different, but most districts require their own evaluations, then accommodations will be discussed. Children will either have a 504 Plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) depending on the range and level of support required.

For additional resources about IEPs and 504s, visit www.ADayInOurShoes.com.



DYSPRAXIA

Introducing Dyspraxia/DCD America's First Employees!

DDCDA is excited to announce that we have hired our first employees! Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors, our growth as a foundation has enabled us to bring on two part-time staff.

Rachel Sarappo – Administrative Assistant:

Rachel has a degree in Psychology from The Catholic University of America and a Certificate in Nonprofit Development from LaSalle University. Her background includes working in children's mental health and nonprofit development, as well as a year of volunteer service at an orphanage in Honduras. Rachel looks forward to supporting DDCDA to raise awareness and share resources about Dyspraxia/DCD in hopes to provide relief for people and families in need.

Drew Porter – Social Media:

Drew recently joined the Dyspraxia DCD America team to support the organization's social media and outreach efforts. Drew is passionate about raising awareness and helping make Dyspraxia/DCD more visible and understood. She brings a thoughtful, community-centered approach to sharing stories, resources, and lived experiences, and is excited to support a mission that helps people feel seen and supported.

IEPs, Assessments & Advocacy Webinar

In September, DDCDA sponsored a free webinar, "IEPs, Assessments & Advocacy," hosted by Stacey Hoaglund. Stacey is a mediator, disability consultant/advocate, and trainer. She holds more than 25 years in advocacy, project development, and community collaboration, and has been recognized by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and the National Points of Light Committee for her work in creating systems change. Learn more about Stacy on her website: www.StaceyHoaglund.com.

Over 50 individuals registered to learn about IEP eligibility, identifying appropriate professionals to provide accurate assessments, as well as empowering parents, caretakers, and stakeholders to advocate for their children. Generous donations have allowed us to provide this important webinar for free for the second year in a row!

Upcoming Events

Hofstra University Symposium

On Tuesday, December 2nd, Hofstra is hosting "Dyspraxia/Apraxia: In the Classroom," part 2 of a two-part symposium on Dyspraxia/DCD. This free conference will take place in the Hofstra University Student Center from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. To register, scan the QR code.

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In The News

Ongoing Federal Legislative Efforts

Representatives Mike Lawler and Josh Gottheimer reintroduced the **Gabriel Rosenberg Dyspraxia/DCD Coverage Act**, House Resolution (H.R.) 2943, in April. This legislation would 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/DCD early in life. Thanks to early diagnosis and access to essential services, he has overcome significant challenges.

We will keep you updated on the bill's progress. Please reach out to your congressional representative and ask them to support this bill!

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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