



Gabriel Rosenberg and Danielle Rosenberg, Executive Director

Hofstra University Symposium: “Dyspraxia/Apraxia in the Classroom”

On December 2, nearly 200 attendees came together for an interdisciplinary conversation centered on early identification, coordinated care, and classroom-based support for children with Dyspraxia/Apraxia.

We were proud to have our Executive Director, Danielle Rosenberg, contribute to the discussion, sharing her experience and advocacy work. A special highlight came from Gabriel Rosenberg, whose personal experiences inspired the formation of Dyspraxia/DCD America. He spoke about resiliency, perseverance, advocacy, and the importance of teamwork—serving as powerful reminders of why this work matters.

The day emphasized the importance of early recognition, intervention, and interdisciplinary collaboration in effectively supporting children and families. “Dyspraxia and apraxia touch every part of a child’s school day – from handwriting to speech to confidence. Educators are often the first to notice something is wrong, so strengthening partnerships between schools, clinicians, and families is essential,” said Dr. Robert Gluck, conference organizer and Hofstra associate professor of graduate nursing. “When we collaborate early, we change outcomes. We make school accessible, empowering, and hopeful for students who deserve to thrive.”

Did You Know?

Dyspraxia/DCD and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Dyspraxia/DCD and ADHD are neurodevelopment disorders impacting millions of children. Research shows that these two disorders are often comorbidities. The rate of ADHD and Dyspraxia/DCD co-occurrence is approximately 50% (Blank et al., 2012, Farran et al., 2020, Gillberg et al., 2004). Children do not “outgrow” either disorder, and various therapies and accommodations are required to help individuals reach their potential.

To learn more about the co-morbidity of Dyspraxia/DCD and ADHD, read The Double Whammy: ADHD + DCD by Zara Harris, MS, OT.

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What is the best treatment for Dyspraxia/DCD?

The best treatments for Dyspraxia/DCD and overlapping conditions, with or without an official diagnosis, are therapies that support the individual’s needs. An occupational therapist (OT) helps develop fine motor skills used in everyday activities at home, school and work. A physical therapist (PT) uses exercises and equipment to help develop gross motor skills.

Research has shown that the most effective approaches used by OTs and PTs for improving motor skills are individualized, task-oriented methods such as the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) and Neuromotor Task Training (NTT) (Blank et al., 2019).



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Thank You to Our Radiothon Listeners and Donors!

Our annual radiothon on WABC was on November 26. This year we heard from Dr. Robert Gluck, associate professor of graduate nursing at Hofstra University, medical consultant for Dyspraxia DCD America, and host of the previously featured podcast "Nurse to Health." Gabriel Rosenberg also spoke about education and the difficulties students with Dyspraxia/DCD can encounter. We extend our gratitude to our listeners and donors!

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative founded in 2018 by Siena Castellon. The purpose is to help the world to understand, value and celebrate the talents of neurodiverse minds by challenging misconceptions and stereotypes. Visit the website to read more about their mission, join the 2026 Celebration, and view webinars from 2025.



Calling All Runners: Virtual 5K!

Later this year, Dyspraxia DCD America will host our first virtual 5K. Follow us on social media to keep up to date and be the first to register!

Friends of Dyspraxia DCD America

This year we are launching a donor membership program:
Friends of Dyspraxia DCD America!



As a Friend of Dyspraxia DCD America, you'll join our mission to raise awareness, provide support and advocate for those impacted by Dyspraxia/DCD in the United States by contributing steady financial support. And, by displaying the Dyspraxia DCD America magnet, you'll spread awareness. Look for more information on our website this spring. Together we can make a lasting difference!

Financial Grant Opportunity

Dyspraxia DCD America is excited to introduce financial grant opportunities for families seeking a Dyspraxia/DCD diagnosis for their child! The lack of awareness of Dyspraxia/DCD makes it extremely difficult to receive a proper diagnosis.

The grant guidelines and application will be posted on our website later this year. This program would not be possible without our generous donors!

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 2025. 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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