

Learning Disabilities Association of NL

Adult Literacy Support: Programs and Services for Adults

Fully Funded Specialized Reading and Math Support for Persons with Learning Disabilities (LD)

Structured one-on-one academic support through specialized tutoring programs for adults who struggle with literacy or numeracy. We use the Barton Reading System to help improve the reading skills of learners who struggle with reading (an official dyslexia diagnosis is not required). Our Math tutors use the JUMP Math program and tailor the tutoring sessions for individual learners. We are mindful of the diversity among the adult clientele and make every effort to address their specific needs and provide appropriate accommodation. We will collaborate with other service providers who work with the learners to better support them, especially if they are marginalized, racialized, underprivileged, or at risk with the law. The tutoring can be provided online across the province and face to face in St. John's. Referrals for the tutoring program can be submitted [HERE](#).

Empowerment Services

LDANL provides one-on-one and group sessions to empower adult learners by preparing them for better opportunities. This includes professional development sessions; self-advocacy preparation; transition and navigation support; career development; skill development for postsecondary education, career and life in general. LDANL facilitates regular Peer Support Groups to bring together the adult LD population where they get an opportunity to share their lived experiences, socialize and learn from each other's experiences to thrive better. Register for Peer Support Group and other Empowerment Services [HERE](#).

Assistive Technology (AT) Training and Support

LDANL's AT program trains and supports persons with learning disabilities to use appropriate AT, enabling them to overcome the learning barriers (for instance, to independently access printed text for leisure, studies, and employment). We provide one-on-one training and support in using various AT software and hardware (such as Read&Write, Word Q, EquatiO, Dragon, C-Pen, Livescribe, and Chromebook). These sessions are tailored specifically to meet the needs of each learner. We are also happy to support with basic technology such as a smartphone or laptop to overcome the barriers of LD in day to day life. Register for AT Training and Support [HERE](#).

We especially encourage ABE students, persons who are incarcerated, ESL (English as Second Language) students, and learners from Indigenous communities, to make use of this excellent opportunity. **We do not require an LD diagnosis from our service users.**

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