

How Does the Program Work?

Linking Language to Learning is coordinated by a certified Speech-Language Pathologist and an advisory committee comprised of parents and professionals in the field of literacy and learning disabilities.

The LINKS Program is based on the latest research and best practices around emergent readers and strives to build on assets present in our community. Children will work with trained tutors.

Familial involvement and commitment is the link to the success of the program.



Disclaimer:

LDANS does not support, endorse or recommend any method, treatment, product, remedial centre, program or person for children and adults with a learning disability. It does however, endeavour to inform in the belief that you have the right to know.

Volunteer for the Program!

This is a rewarding, responsible volunteer position, and valuable work experience for anyone considering working with children as a career.

We offer:

- * Initial Training
- * Regular supervision and feedback
- * A valuable reference

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The right to learn, the power to achieve



What is LINKS?

Linking Language to Learning is a literacy program designed for children who are experiencing difficulty in reading skills development, which may be attributable to a learning disability.

The LINKS Program is dedicated to helping children become competent, independent learners, through the experience of good books, and opportunities for good writing.

The program provides:

- Small group or individual instruction
- Individualized programming geared to each child's strengths and weaknesses targeting reading, writing & phonological processing skills.
- Suggestions for home program and support

Who is LINKS for?

Linking Language to Learning is for *elementary age children* who are at least one year behind in reading/writing development. It is geared for children with a learning disability, although an official diagnosis is not necessary. A learning disability is a disorder that affects how a person understands and uses information. The disorder affects the ability to learn, in spite of average to above-average intelligence and can affect specific areas such as: speech and language development, coordination, organization and social skills.

A screening will be conducted by the LINKS Coordinator to determine a student's potential candidacy for the program. The screening consists of formal tests, informal observation and parental input.

Children participating in the summer program will attend *90-minute sessions four times per week (Monday to Thursday in Halifax or Dartmouth)* for a total of **4 weeks in July or August**. The times for the session are **8:30-10:00, 10:30-12, 1-2:30**. Please call our office at 423-2850 to apply and discuss time slots.

What Parents are Saying...

"My child is more confident and as an added bonus really enjoyed attending LINKS"

"In the past I used to have to fight with him to read- he really enjoys going everyday"

"She is so proud of her accomplishments"

"The 1:1 support has made such a difference- all the tutors are so professional and just fantastic"

"His reading has improved as has his overall confidence level"

"Even the Resource Teacher has noticed the improvement"

"School and Home are very pleased with the change in her attitude towards reading – thank you"

Fees

Call our office for current fee information for 2010 programs.

