

Understanding Treatment Options for Neurodiverse Diagnoses

When you or someone you love is diagnosed with a neurodiverse condition like ADHD, autism or dyslexia, it is normal to have questions. You may wonder what the diagnosis means and how to help. These concerns are common. The good news is that there are many ways to offer support. Learning about treatment options — and deciding what is needed — is an important first step.

Different Kinds of Support

Not every neurodivergent person needs medical care or therapy. For many people, small changes at home, school or work can help a lot. These changes may include extra time for tasks, fewer loud noises or a steady daily routine. When challenges are greater, other types of support may help.

Medication is shown to work for about 80% of children with ADHD (Cleveland Clinic). Common medicines can help improve focus and self-control. For young children, doctors often suggest parent training instead of medicine. This helps parents learn skills to support their child's behavior (American Academy of Pediatrics).

Therapy can also help. Behavioral therapy can support emotions and actions. Speech or occupational therapy can help with communication and motor skills. Early support, especially for children with autism, can improve long-term growth.

Educational support is important for learning differences like dyslexia. Tools such as special reading programs or one-on-one help can build skills and confidence. These supports are based on each person's learning needs.

Family support matters too. Parent and family programs can teach ways to help a child or loved one at home and school. When families feel prepared, everyone benefits.

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Treatment Should Be Personal

There is no single treatment that works for everyone. Many people do best with a mix of supports. This may include therapy, school or work changes, and sometimes medication (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Plans should match the person's needs, strengths and goals.

Meeting People Where They Are

Support is not about changing who someone is. It is about giving them tools to succeed in their own way. Help at school or work, therapy and clear communication can build confidence and independence. Every person's path is different. The goal is to support growth, comfort and success.

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If you or a loved one is curious about neurodiversity or may be neurodiverse, visit Neurodiversity Education Academy for more resources.

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