



Disability Links

SPELD - Specific Learning Difficulties Association of NSW

SPELD is a non-profit organization aimed to increase public awareness and understanding of the nature and extent of learning difficulties and to support and inform parents, professionals and people with learning disabilities. SPELD focuses on the provision of education and training in the areas of learning disabilities for professionals, particularly teachers and encourages research into the cause and remediation of specific learning difficulties. SPELD supports children, adolescents and adults with a Learning Disability.

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Email: speldnsw@bigpond.com

Website: <http://www.speldnsw.org.au/>

Australian Association Of Special Education Inc (AASE)

AASE is a broad based non-categorical association that advocates on a National, State and Regional basis for the provision of quality educational services for students with special education needs. AASE as the peak body in Special Education, actively supports the development of inclusive curriculum, assessment and reporting practices for students with disabilities.

Contact Details

Postal Address: PO Box 211, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146

Membership Office: PO Box 226, Bomaderry, NSW, 2541

Phone/fax: (02) 4422 9688 (24 hour answering service)

Email: office@aase.edu.au

Website: <http://www.aase.edu.au>

New South Wales Learning Disability Support Groups

Support groups are generally run by volunteers and attended by those seeking support in the difficulties they, or someone close to them, are experiencing in the area of learning. The use of the term 'learning difficulties' employed by Support Groups is non-categorical and therefore it encompasses both remediable and non-remediable learning difficulties. Support groups can be very helpful for an individual in developing a network of support for themselves and an understanding of relevant resources, research and literature.

This section contains the names and initial contact details for some of the regionally based support groups operating within New South Wales. There are numerous other volunteer run support groups, both urban and rural based, but for reasons of privacy, we are unable to disclose personal contact details. Specific contact details of listed and unlisted support groups in NSW are available through contacting the NSW peak bodies.

A small listing of suburb based Support Groups are identified below. It is recommended that contact be made with the NSW Peak Bodies to investigate suitable support groups for **adults** with learning disability, learning difficulty, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.



Adults With ADHD (NSW) Incorporated

Adults with ADHD (NSW) is a social and political network that provides information, lobbies issues within the community and government sectors and advocates on behalf of adults with ADHD.

Contact details

Address: 63 Willison Road, Carlton, NSW, 2218
Postal Address: PO Box 190, Bexley South, NSW, 2207
Telephone: (02) 9588 4272
Email: amgill@fastlink.com.au

Irlen Syndrome-Dyslexia Support Group: Hunter Division

Contact details

7 Margaret Street, Cessnock, NSW, 2325
Telephone: (02) 4990 1820
Email: dyslexiasupport@optusnet.com.au

New South Wales Education Providers: Websites

University

Disability Liaison Officers at NSW Universities:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/oldsite/services/ousr/disabil/regional/dlo/index.html>

Disability Liaison Officers at ACT Universities:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/oldsite/services/ousr/disabil/regional/dlo/act.html>

NSW Department of Education and Training, TAFE Education

TAFE Website:

<http://www.tafensw.edu.au/>

TAFE Institutes:

<http://www.tafensw.edu.au/campuses/welcome.htm>

Disability Teacher Consultants:

<http://www.tafensw.edu.au/flexible/disability/services.htm>

NSW Department of Education and Training, School Education

DET Website:

<http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/>

Department of Education and Training Services for Students with Disabilities and Learning Difficulties, Disability Access Website:

<http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/disabilityaccess/services/>

Department of Education and Training, Supporting Students with learning Difficulties:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentssupport/programs/learningdifficulties.php>

NSW Board of Studies



Main Website:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

New South Wales - Assessment Services

This section provides a listing of Assessment Centres in NSW. It is intended to assist Disability Liaison Officers within NSW universities to refer students with suspected learning difficulties for an appropriate assessment to identify a Learning Disability. This section does not focus on individuals who provide services as NSW Peak Bodies maintain and update extensive databases of appropriate contacts. The Assessment Centres and Services identified were included on the basis of:

- Assessment services for adults with a Learning Disability
- Services that offered a range of adult specific services and interventions
- Not individual based services unless it provided a range of services and specific interventions for adults with Learning Disabilities
- Currently used by NSW Disability Liaison Officers.

The following list is intended as a guide only. As the list is not necessarily exhaustive, the Project Co-ordinator would be pleased to hear of any other NSW Assessment Centres that could be included here.

University Assessment Centres:

Communication Disorders Treatment And Research Clinic, University of Sydney, Cumberland Campus

The Communication Disorders Treatment and Research Clinic, University of Sydney, Cumberland Campus offers assessment for any person experiencing difficulty in the production, reception or expression of speech and language. The assessors are graduate students in Speech Pathology who are supervised closely by experienced clinicians. This clinic specialises in people with Speech / Language difficulties.

Contact Details

Address: S Block, Faculty of Health Sciences, Cumberland College Campus,

The University of Sydney, East Street, Lidcombe, NSW, 2141

Postal Address: PO Box 170, Lidcombe, NSW, 2141

General Enquiries Phone: (02) 9351 9539

Office Hours: 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday

Referral: (02) 9351 9764 Monday only 8.30am to 1.00pm

Fax: (02) 9351 9163

Email: cdtrc@cchs.usyd.edu.au

Website: <http://www2.fhs.usyd.edu.au/csd/clinic/index.html>

Macarthur Assessment Clinic for Children And Adolescents (M.A.C.C.A.)

The Macarthur Assessment Clinic for Children and Adolescents (MACCA) works with children, adolescents and adults at tertiary level study. The Centre is administered by Conditionally Registered and Registered Psychologists, at the University of Western Sydney. As policy, the Centre will identify and report on cognitive strengths and weaknesses identified in an individual but will not provide a formal diagnosis, nor a statement of recommendations for academic adjustments. MACCA believes that formal diagnosis of a Learning Disability should be a multi-disciplinary process, including, but not restricted to the identification of significant ability-achievement discrepancies via standardised measures.



Contact Details

Address: University of Western Sydney, Building 26, Campbelltown Campus,
Narellan Road, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560
Postal Address: MACCA, School of Psychology Bankstown Building 24,
University of Western Sydney, Locked Bag 1797, Penrith South DC, 1797
Telephone: (02) 9772 6491
Fax: (02) 9772 6736
Office Hours: 9.00am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday

Northfields Clinic, Department of Psychology, The University of Wollongong

Northfields Clinic is run by the Department of Psychology at the University of Wollongong. The Clinic is a specialist psychology service that caters for children and adults. It is a teaching unit in which postgraduate students in Clinical Psychology carry out psychometric assessments and treatments under the supervision of University clinical teaching staff and the Clinical Director of the Unit. This clinic accepts adults, adolescents, and children as clients. The clinic provides a wide range of assessments and therapy services including learning disorders and learning development.

Contact Details

Address: Northfields Clinic - Building 22, Department of Psychology,
The University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW, 2522
Telephone: (02) 4221 3747
Fax: (02) 4221 3986
Website: <http://www.psyc.uow.edu.au/resources/northfields.html>

University of New England, Armidale, Psychology Centre

The Psychology Centre at the School of Psychology, University of New England offers psychological, neuropsychological, and learning disability assessment and intervention services. Clients are seen by graduate students who have met academic criteria for registration as a psychologist in training. They are closely supervised by UNE clinical staff with specialised training and experience.

Contact Details

Address: School of Psychology, (beside the main Psychology School premises adjacent to the National Australia Bank), University of New England, Armidale, NSW, 2351
Telephone: (02) 6773 3012 or (02) 6773 2527
Fax: (02) 6773 3820
Email: psychology@pobox.une.edu.au
Website: http://www.une.edu.au/psychology/psych_centre/index.html

University Of New South Wales Psychology Clinic

The University of New South Wales Psychology Clinic is staffed by psychologists enrolled in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) post-graduate programme at the University of New South Wales. Qualified academic staff and clinical psychologists supervise the clinical work of the psychologists in the Clinic. The Clinic is equipped to diagnose a range of disorders and disabilities related to psychological and neuropsychological influences.

Contact Details

Address: The University of New South Wales, 8th Floor, Mathews Building,
Sydney, NSW, 2000
Telephone: (02) 9385 3042
Fax: (02) 9385 3641
Office Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
Website: <http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/facilities/clinic.html>



University of Sydney Psychology Clinic

The Psychology Clinic offers specialised psychological treatment programmes to the general community. The Clinic is staffed by Interns who have completed their training in undergraduate psychology and are enrolled in the Master of (Clinical) Psychology postgraduate program at the University of Sydney. All Intern Psychologists in the Clinic are supervised by fully qualified Clinical Psychologists. The Psychology Clinic provides individual and group psychological treatment for adults in a number of specialised areas. The clinic provides a range of services including cognitive and psychological assessments for Learning Disability, ADD / ADHD.

Contact Details

Address: University of Sydney, Transient Building on Fisher Road (adjacent to Physics Road),

Sydney University, NSW, 2006

Telephone: (02) 9351 2629

Website: <http://www.psych.usyd.edu.au/facilities/clinicalpsychology/clinic1.html>

Other Assessment Centres

Nexus Consulting Services Pty Ltd

Nexus Consulting Services Pty Ltd offers specialised assessment services (intellectual, clinical and vocational), therapy and counselling services.

Contact Details

1. 26 Nordsvan Drive, Wodonga, VIC, 3690

2. 452 Swift Street, Albury, NSW, 2640

3. 221 Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650

4. 134 Templeton Street, Wangaratta, VIC, 3676

Telephone: (02) 6021 0012 (Central number for all centres)

Fax: (02) 6021 0011

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm

Email: info@nexusconsulting.com.au

Paramedical Centre

The Paramedical Centre focuses on psychological assessment and remediation for Adults and Children. Paramedical also provides a number of follow up support services and individual programs for tertiary students with Learning Disabilities. The Centre offers a flexible approach in the delivery of services and programs for individual students and tertiary institutions. Counselling and vocational assistance is also available.

Contact Details

1. Suite 5 - Level 5, 84 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

2. Ground Floor, 41 Paris Avenue, Earlwood, NSW, 2206

3. Offices within the main Medical Centre in Blacktown

4. Campbelltown Medical Centre, Queen Street (Opposite the old Post Office),
Campbelltown, NSW, 2560

Telephone: (02) 9558 8800 (Central number for all centres)

Fax: (02) 9558 1473

Office Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Email: nicolelavidis@mckenziecarrick.com.au



READ Clinic

The READ clinic offers a full range of educational and neurological assessments. They also provide counselling and rehabilitation services.

Contact Details

Address: 54 Hills Street, Gosford, NSW, 2250

Telephone: (02) 4324 6633

Fax: (02) 4324 6804

Email: support@thereadclinic.com

Website: <http://www.thereadclinic.com>

SPELD NSW Inc - Specific Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Association of NSW

SPELD is a non-profit organisation established as an association for parents, adults with learning difficulties, and professional people interested in advancing the education and general well being of children and adults disadvantaged. SPELD also employs an educational psychologist to assess students with learning difficulties, Learning Disabilities and ADHD.

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Email: speldnsw@bigpond.com

Website: <http://www.users.bigpond.com/speldnsw/>

Other Services

Irlen Dyslexia Centres

Irlen Dyslexia Centres are devised to specifically diagnose Scotopic Sensitivity/Irlen Syndrome. It is important to note that the Irlen Dyslexia Centre does not investigate, diagnose, or 'cure' Learning Disability. Remnant learning difficulties that may have developed as the result of Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome may still need intervention that is not offered by the Irlen Dyslexia Centre.

Contact Details

Sydney

Address: Level 1, 74 Burwood Road, Burwood, NSW, 2134

Telephone: (02) 9747 1122

Fax: (02) 9747 1422

Email: darrengt@eisa.net.au

Website: <http://www.irlen.com/>

Newcastle

Address: Special Education Centre, University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan, NSW, 2308

Telephone: (02) 4921 6277

Fax: (02) 4921 6939

Email: Greg.Robinson@newcastle.edu.au

Website: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/sed/irlen/> or <http://www.irlen.com/>



ADD / ADHD National Diagnostic Services Pty Ltd

This service focuses on individuals with attentional difficulties, and will accept adults as well as children as clients. Its purpose is to carry out ADHD Screenings using, among other tools, the computerised assessment instrument, Test of Variables of Attention (TOVA). As a service, ADD / ADHD National Diagnostic Services p/l strives to achieve identification and treatment of ADD/ ADHD by working in a non-drug environment.

Contact Details

1. Level 1, 48 Albany Street, Crows Nest, NSW, 2065

2. Suite 1, Level 1, 299 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154

Telephone: (02) 9437 5071 (centralised telephone service)

Fax: (02) 9906 5438

Office Hours: Crows Nest office - 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday

Email: rolex@geko.net.au