



**MA Public Adult Education  
Professional Development System**

A PUBLIC ADULT EDUCATION OF MA PROGRAM

# Learning Differences-Difficulties- Disabilities & Assistive Technology Resources

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## Getting to Know the Terminology

### [Types of Learning Difficulties](#)

Article clarifies the differences between labels of "learning difference, difficulty, and disability" and explains several common conditions that cause learning difficulties. (Touch-Type Read & Spell)

### [What is a Learning Disability?](#)

Short article provides a clear explanation of the difference between learning disabilities and learning differences. (MENCAP)

### [In It Podcast](#)

Hosts Rachel Bozek and Gretchen Vierstra talk with parents, caregivers, teachers, and sometimes kids, offering support and advice for and from people who struggle with reading, math, focus, and other learning differences.

### [When Learning Disabilities in Adults Go Undiagnosed](#)

Short article explains the impact of undiagnosed learning disabilities in adult lives. (Touch-Type Read & Spell)

## Instructional Resources

### [The UDL Guidelines](#)

The UDL Guidelines are a tool used in the implementation of Universal Design for Learning, a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. (CAST)

## **[Learning to Achieve: A Professional's Guide to Educating Adults with Learning Disabilities](#)**

A resource for professionals who work with adults with LD. The six chapters focus on assessment for reading disabilities, English language learners, accommodations, teaching methods, transition and impact of LD, and provide information on relevant characteristics of adults with LD matched with descriptions and examples of practical intervention strategies. (LINCS)

## **Assistive Technology and Adaptive Tools**

### **[Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities](#)**

Article describes a number of helpful technologies appropriate for a range of learning differences. (The Tech Advocate)

### **[9 Examples of Assisted Technology and Adaptive Tools](#)**

Short article describes a collection of common assistive technology and adaptive tools, one of the core strategies schools use to help with learning and thinking differences. (Understood)

### **[Use Text-to-Speech Online to Read with your Ears](#)**

Article describes several text-to-speech options that can make online reading easier. (Noodle)