



MY CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD

What is ADHD?

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a developmental disorder, typically presents itself in childhood, usually by the age of seven.

Symptoms of ADHD

Inattention, Hyperactivity, Impulsivity, Intelligence Deficit Characteristics or Poor Academic Achievement, Socialization problem, Emotional problems

[Full knowledge about ADHD available from article provided by Assoc Prof Dr Teoh Hsien-Jin as published in The New Sunday Times, FIT4LIFE, Sunday 18th October 2009 – Health At Large]

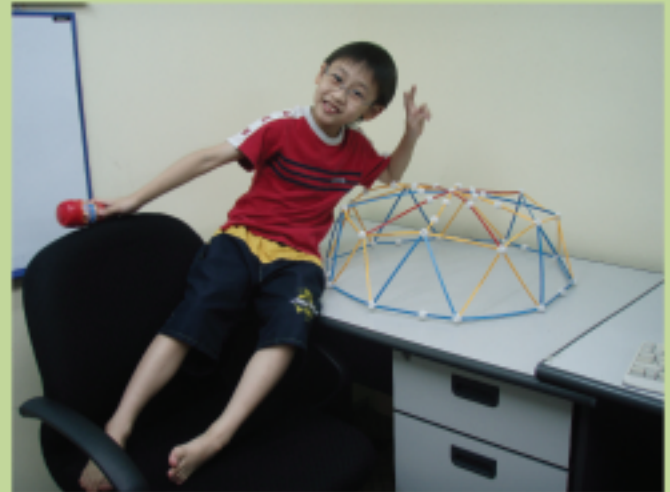
IS THERE HOPE FOR MY CHILD?

While there is a genuine medical disorder called ADHD, it is also not uncommon to find kids displaying ADHD traits when:

- teachers attempt to teach them subjects that don't interest them (The Gift of Dyslexia by Ron Davis)
- the kids are Visual Spatial Learners (www.visualspatial.org) but are being taught using the Audio Sequential method (Right-Brained Children in a Left Brain World: Unlocking the Potential of Your ADD Child by Jeffrey Freed)
- other multi-dimensional factors like psychological, emotional or physical issues exist but are undetected (www.starjump.com.au)

If your child is diagnosed with ADHD, it would be important to determine if any of the above could be the root cause of his/her problem. If knowing what makes your child tick and how he learns best can change the whole landscape for your child and you, it would be worth-while looking at things beyond just putting your child on medication.

A MOTHER'S STORY ABOUT HER ADHD CHILD



Brian was diagnosed with ADHD and weak in sensory integration since he was 7 years old. He had poor copying skills, low self esteem, was easily frustrated, difficulty controlling his emotions control and was easily distracted. After attending star jump program (since January 2009), we could see improvements in him. Although it's not yet 100%, it is much better than before. His motor skills have developed. He is more confident and his self esteem has improved. As parents, we are also educated by Joyce in learning how to handle Brian and how to help him improve. Thank You.

Nicole, Housewife & mother of one

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Special Note: Many gifted students do not do well at school and high achievers are not always gifted people. It is this group of Gifted Learning Disabled students that are seriously at risk because their high intellectual ability is usually masked by areas of specific weakness. Some of them leave school feeling and thinking they must be really "dumb" because they can't do what other students do, yet they can be in the top 10% on the intellectual spectrum.

