

Special Needs

Kids Who Need Extra Help

Special Needs

- A term used primarily when discussing children who need extra help.

Disability

- A term used when discussing adults who need extra help.

Special Needs

- **spe-cial-needs** or **special needs** (sp sh l-n dz)
- *adj.*
- Of or relating to people who have specific needs, as those associated with a disability: *special-needs housing; a special needs teacher*

Disability

- ***dis·a·bil·i·ty*** / ˌdisəˈbɪlɪti /
- Noun:
- A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities.
- A disadvantage or handicap, esp. one imposed or recognized by the law.

What Do All People Need?

- Food and Water
- Clothing
- Shelter
- To Communicate
- To learn

What do we mean by saying “kids with special needs?”

Kids who might need extra help with.....

- Medical or physical needs
- Social-Emotional needs
- Learning needs

Medical or Physical Needs

- Wheel chair
- Medicine
- Braces for walking
- Ramps
- Elevators
- Special bus with a wheel chair lift

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFh-KKz6hIM&feature=related>

- Help with dressing/using the bathroom
- Hearing aids
- Braille http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aSAF_fR3-g&feature=related
- Communication device

Social-Emotional Needs

- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Counseling
- Occupational Therapy (to help people to deal with sensory input and body sensations and their feelings)
- Speech Therapy (to help people with communication and interacting with others and their feelings)
- Medicine

Learning Needs

- Reading/Math
- Writing
- Attention/hyperactivity
- Thinking
- Understanding
- Solving Problems

What Are Learning Disabilities?

- Learn differently
- Need extra help
- Need special accommodations
- Need modifications

Kids Who Have Learning Needs Say....

- They struggle keeping up in school.
- Think they should be doing better in school.
- Reading and/or writing are very difficult.
- Hard to keep notebooks and papers organized and neat.
- Difficult to pay attention or sit still.

Can you think of something that is hard for you?

What Are Some Disabilities?

- Autism
- Epilepsy
- Cerebral Palsy
- ADHD

Can you name some disabilities you would like to learn more about?

