Developmental language disorder (DLD) is a neurodevelopmental condition that emerges in early childhood and frequently persists into adulthood. People with DLD have significant difficulty learning, understanding, and using spoken language.

- McGregor, 2020

Eligibility is a set process: Qualifying a child for services under IDEA and diagnosing a child with DLD can co-occur!

- By adulthood, are 12x more likely than their peers to have difficulties with reading, spelling, and math.
  - Young et al., 2002

- By adulthood, are 3x more likely than their peers to experience clinical depression due to language difficulties.
  - Conti-Ramsden & Botting, 2008

- By adulthood, are 6x more likely than their peers to experience clinical levels of anxiety due to language difficulties.
  - Conti-Ramsden & Botting, 2008

Resources

- www.dldandme.org
- www.thedldproject.com
- www.radld.org

Are these kids in your caseload? You can make a difference!

You can diagnose DLD!