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Building Community Through Education and Conversation



Last weekend’s Learning & Child Development Conference in Grand Junction brought together more than 100 local parents, educators, and clinicians to grow, network, and support each other!

Together, we learned about some of the “hidden culprits” behind learning and behavioral challenges in children — central auditory processing and visuomotor development — and the value of strengths-based learning. Expert speakers and attendees traded experiences, resources, and

perspectives. Hands-on activities helped the audience “try on” processing skills and explore our own unique ways of thinking, doing, and being. And a local student shared her story about navigating learning challenges and leveraging strengths to be successful in school and life.



Throughout the day, we heard many attendees express their delight at meeting providers, colleagues, and other parents face-to-face. Some knew each other by email or “through the grapevine” but had never met in person. This emphasizes the wider impact of an event like the Learning & Child Development Conference – not just for attendees, but for our entire community.

In an era defined by email and social media, virtual education and meetings, telehealth, and advancements in AI – opportunities for in-person education and connection are increasingly rare and important. As technology reshapes industries, healthcare needs and services change, and professionals seek balance between online and in-person learning, events like the Learning & Child Development act as

both an anchor and a catalyst, empowering all of us to navigate complexity together rather than alone.

If you attended Saturday, we hope you left feeling more connected, supported, and “heard” in your own life – whether as a parent, educator, or clinician. Individual Matters will build upon this event with future conferences, workshops, and trainings that tap the deep wellspring of local expertise and foster collaboration, connection, and community right here on the Western Slope.



More About the Speakers

If you were unable to attend, or simply want to learn more about the conference speakers and topics — Check out the following episodes of The Individual Matters Podcast.

[Dr. Megan Locke](#), Au.D., CCC-A, Audiologist & Executive Director, Able Kids Foundation — *"Central Auditory Processing Disorder"* ([YOUTUBE](#) / [PODCAST](#))

[Dr. Leanna Dudley](#), O.D., FOVDR, Optometrist & Founder, Denver Vision Therapy — *"Does My Child Need Vision Therapy"* ([YOUTUBE](#) / [PODCAST](#) — *"How Do Vision Problems Overlap with Dyslexia, ADHD, and Autism?"*) ([YOUTUBE](#) / [PODCAST](#))

[Jen Wilger](#), M.A., Executive Director & Co-Founder, Temple Grandin School — *"Strengths-Based Education: Boost Engagement & Success in Students"* ([YOUTUBE](#) / [PODCAST](#))

Happy Spring 2025!



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