

## 10 Responsibilities of the Parent of a Child with a Learning Difference

1. Educate yourself and read current research on your child's learning difference.
2. Become your child's advocate.
3. Understand your child and his/her learning difference. Be the expert on your child. You are the only person who will be there for his/her whole life.
4. Once you have gathered information, help your child to understand him/herself. He/she needs to understand his/her strengths and weakness.
5. Figure out your child's talents and nurture them.
6. Be sure to acknowledge the importance of social skills.
7. Get your child the help he/she needs when he/she needs it.
8. Get your child organized. Impose structure and monitor how your child is doing. If you are not an organized parent, get someone else to help organize your child.
9. It is vitally important for a parent to respect the goals that are important to the child. The goals may change many times, but support them.
10. Acknowledge and recognize how stressful it is to be a parent sometimes and pat yourself on the back.