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ARISE Newsletter

In this month's newsletter, learn about our Speech Language Pathology program, LDS Access, Indigenous Disability Awareness Month, and more!



Speech Language Pathology

Communication is so important, but it doesn't come easily for all of us. Our Speech Language Pathologist can assess and treat your child in relation to challenges with:

- 🗣️ speech,
- 🗣️ language,
- 🗣️ communication,
- 🧠 and cognitive and executive functions

Clinical assessments and treatment is available in person and online. Learn more and apply for sessions on [our website](#).



LDS Access

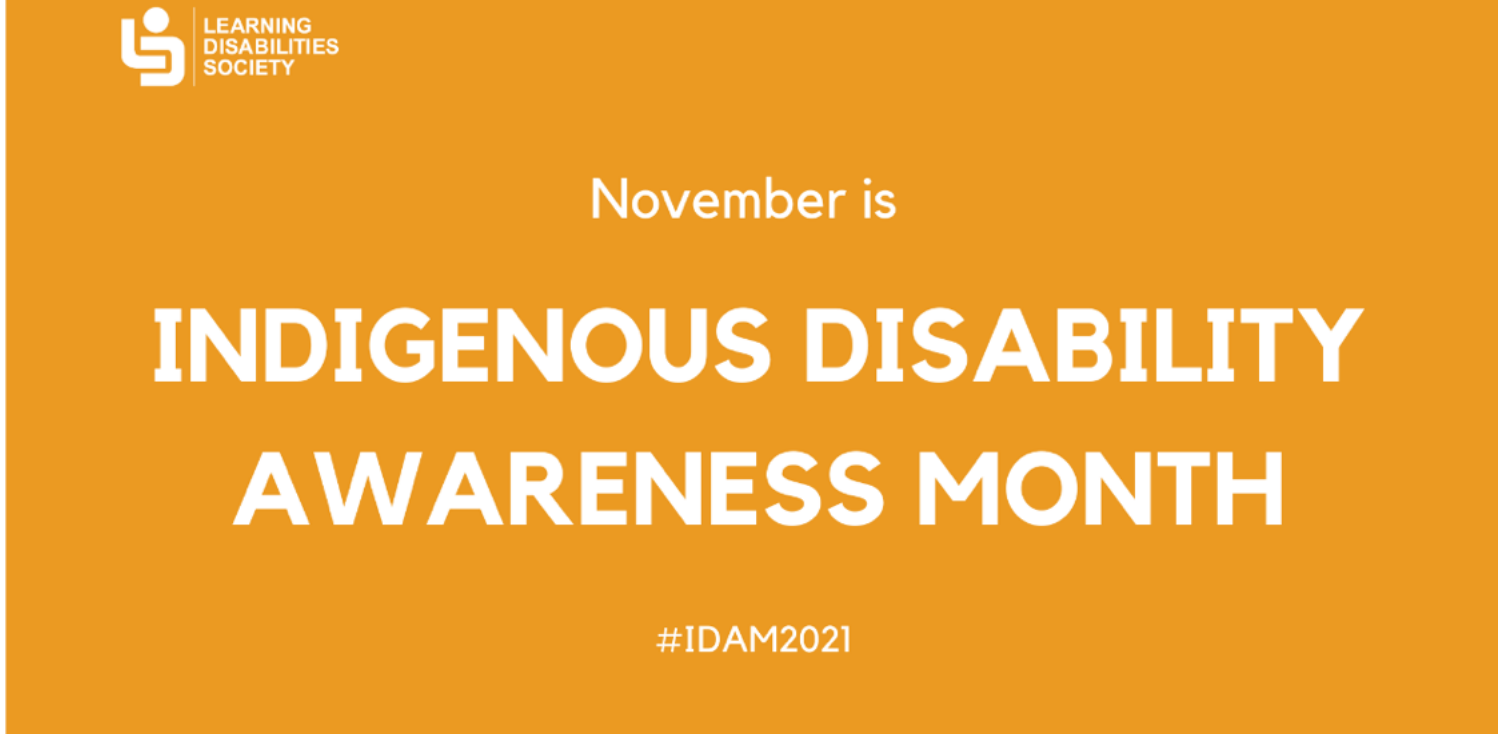
LDS Access is our electric **mobile classroom** outreach service that provides our RISE learning support and Assistive Technology to children and youth in neighbourhoods where they live. We are proud to be **partnering with community groups and neighbourhood houses** to deliver our customized one-to-one education to their families. If you're part of a community group, neighbourhood house, or other association that would like to have Access deliver services to children and youth, [let's talk!](#) [Email](#) or [call 604.873.8139](#)



Early RISErs Successful Launch & Applications Open for January

Our new program, [Early RISErs](#) started in October with two cohorts of three to five year olds and their parents/guardians. The program focuses on social skills and language development, early literacy and numeracy, and physical literacy. We are very proud to have a team of experts who instruct in and consult with the program, including an Early Childhood Educator, Speech Language Pathologist, Early Years researcher, Kindergarten teacher, Occupational Therapist, and Behavioural Interventionist.

[We will be running the 10 week program again starting in January](#) for **any and all families** who are seeking evidence-based early childhood educational programming and insight about their child's learning and development. The program is suitable for both families with no specific concerns about their child's learning and development, and families who may have concerns and are looking to have their child work with a range of early childhood professionals who can provide specific information about their child's learning challenges, strengths, and development to date. [Apply now!](#)



Indigenous Disability Awareness Month

Created by the [British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society \(BCANDS\)](#) and recognized by several provinces, November is the 7th annual **Indigenous Disability Awareness Month**. Stay tuned to the BCANDS [website](#) or [Twitter](#) for community events and webinars. Or, if you should feel so inclined, support BCANDS and their community by donating or sharing their message.

Additionally, we'd like to highlight Jordan's Principle, an ongoing fund for Indigenous children in Canada to access the supports they need, including remedial instruction. If your child or someone you know could benefit from this fund, please visit our [funding page](#) or the [official webpage](#).

This Month in Our Assistive Technology Studio



Mission Maker: Mike, AT Manager

"A key aspect of my role is to help our researched and families access technologies."

At LDS, our innovative use of Assistive Technologies (AT) is a pillar of our work. This month's Mission Maker is our AT Manager, Mike, who helps run our social robotics study and investigates the quality and effectiveness of assistive technologies for inclusion in our AT Studio. To learn more about Mike and the AT Studio, visit the [News page](#).



AT Studio Webinar

With the ongoing growth of our Assistive Technology Studio, LDS is able to offer software and hardware tools that can enhance the learning experiences and confidence of our students.

Some of these tools can be accessed from home for free!

To learn more about these technologies, sign up for a [webinar](#).

Events

VPL + LDS Free Online Workshop



Join us and Vancouver Public Library for the Transition to High School for Students with Learning Differences Workshop on **Saturday, December 11** from 2:30-3:30. Learn what questions to ask concerning appropriate placements, child learning needs, and services and supports. Register [here](#).

Careers



Early Childhood Educators

LDS is looking to fill a part-time Early Childhood Educator role to assist in the program planning and delivery team of our new Early RISErs program. They will work with both preschool-aged children and their parents/guardians during the program. This position would be ideal for an ECE student who has completed their early childhood diploma and is currently working towards their degree.

Learn more about the roles and how to apply on our [website](#).

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