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Things Change

Sometimes More Than You Can Imagine

Getting Up to Speed

- Get into college prep coursework – audio, dictating, accommodate!
- Don't aim too low
- Get them tested – educational psychologist, be sure to mention to them any previous testing so they can reference it.
- Write up educational plan – reference testing, write out accommodations (timing, dictating, etc)

Getting it Done

- Shore up weaknesses
- Focus on strengths
 - Encourage experimentation
 - Businesses, projects, internships, shadowing
- Accommodate, accommodate, accommodate
- Encourage, praise, help

Extracurriculars and Outside Classes

- Private heads up and request accommodations
- Make it easy for them – help
- Essential to get academic recommendations
- Don't fear!
- Think through extracurriculars – nametags, registration, reading, writing
- Recommendation letters should give examples



Getting In to College

College Admissions Tests

- Importance for Homeschoolers
- Test Optional Colleges
- Getting Better – Xiggi method
- Getting Better – Apps
- Getting Accommodations

SAT and ACT Accommodations

- You're the teacher, the guidance counselor.
- You'll Need
 - The correct form requesting accommodations.
 - Up-to-date testing by an educational psychologist.
 - An educational plan showing accommodations.
 - For the ACT, signature of nearby school's testing coordinator
 - To work with the guidance counselor
 - Patience!

SAT and ACT Accommodations

- Accommodations Possible:
 - Extended time: 50%, 100%
 - Computer instead of writing, scribe
 - Large print, reader
 - Smaller group, more breaks (coach them to accept!)
- May test on different day. Call in advance!

SAT and ACT Accommodations

- What if school won't help?
 - School board
 - Services for Students with Disabilities office at testing agency
 - Try another school
- Communication Essential
 - Assume balls will be dropped
 - Be polite, but persistent (ADA)

Transcripts

- Short and sweet: one page, front only
- Say it like they expect to hear it
- Administrator signs
- Organize chronologically or by subject
- Grades are your decision
 - Don't be harsher than others
 - Base on tests, daily work, lab reports, presentations, discussion, whatever best shows your student's knowledge!
- Sample transcript

Applying to College

- Research colleges – Safety, Matches, Reach
- How many? More than you think. (money, major)
- Dictating, scribes for applications, essays
- To reveal or not?
- Scholarship deadlines are earlier
- Expect it to take way more time than you think

The Essay

- Your introduction to the committee
- Decide what you want them to know about you
- Tell a story
- Don't be trite
- Don't be afraid Get help

All Contact

- Helicopter parents and big children
- Stereotypes of homeschoolers
- All Contact
- Role play and prep
- Stepping back – it's hard!



After Acceptance

Before the Decision

- Contact Disability Support Services
- Be professional
- Bring data
- Don't be antagonistic
- Ask questions
- College visit

Kinds of Accommodations at College

- Private testing
- Extended time on assignments and testing
- Scribe (limited) or computer
- Audiobooks
- Tutors
- Spelling aids
- Overlook grammar and spelling
- Student to take notes for you



At College

When You Get There

- Develop relationships
 - Disability Services
 - Professors
- Ask about professors
- BEFORE Drop/Add Date
 - Talk to professor about accommodations
 - Emphasize desire to learn and participate
 - Talk to Disability Services
 - Be proactive

Problem Professors

- It happens
- Change sections if you can
- Ask Disability Services for help
- Rely on Resources
 - SI
 - Tutors
 - Office Hours
- Endure and Accept or Get Permission to Drop

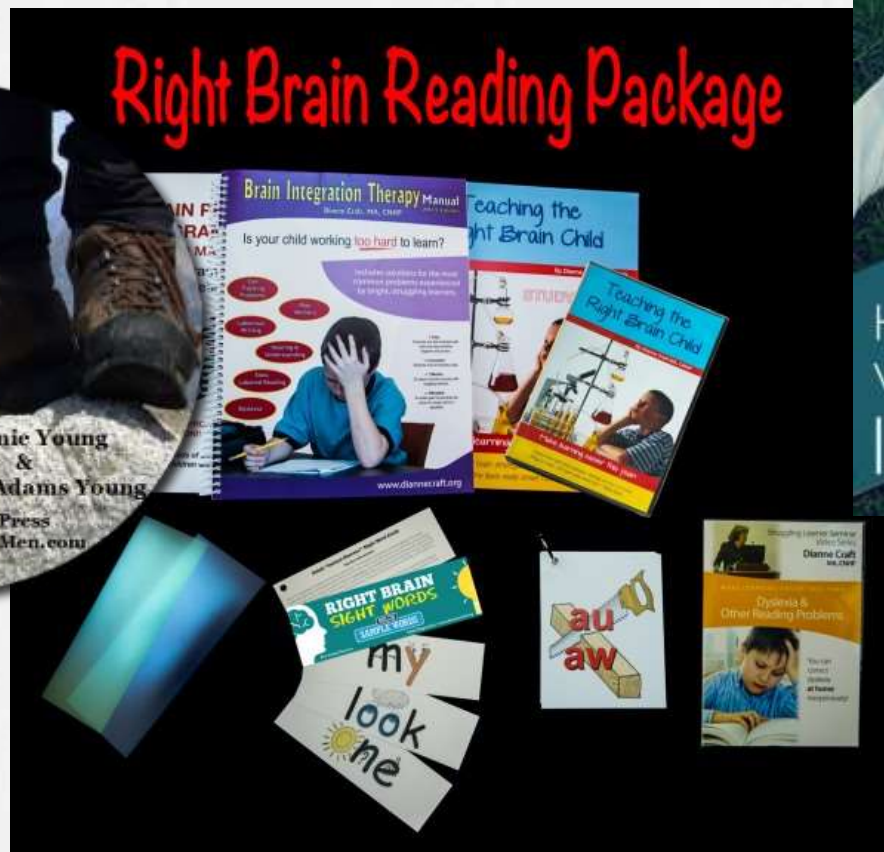
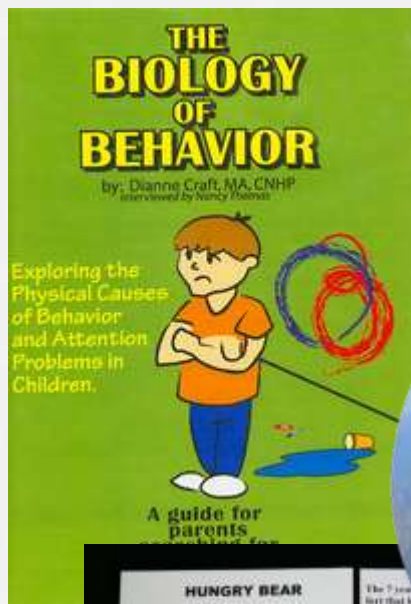
Day to Day Life

- Work may take more time than others
- Have a back up plan for editing help (parent, sibling, tutor, friend)
- Get enough rest
- Privacy should be protected
- Get involved in clubs and activities
- Make church and Christian groups an absolute priority

Thrive

- You aren't the first – PhDs, authors, generals, inventors
- You can succeed on campus
- You can succeed academically
- You can succeed in your career
- You can succeed in life
- You can keep the faith

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