

# WEBINAR:

My Child was Just Diagnosed with a Learning Disability.

# NOW WHAT?

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 8:15pm EST**

**Cost:** \$45 + HST (LDAO members)  
\$55 + HST (non-members)

What may start out as your child struggling in school can sometimes become the revelation that your child has learning disabilities (LDs) and sometimes ADHD as well. For most parents, there is little preparation for the day their child is officially diagnosed as having LDs. For most, it is also a scary experience, as you are beginning your journey into an unknown territory. You want your child to get the supports they need in order to succeed right away, but don't know what those supports are or how to go about getting them.

## **We can help.**

In this webinar, you will hear from LDAO's own President & CEO, Lawrence Barns, on his experience as a parent of a child with LDs, as well as from Kelli Cote, a York Region District School Board principal who also has a child with LDs. Both will reflect on their journeys through their children's diagnoses. They will also outline what you need to do as a parent to help your child get the supports they need and outline specific steps as to how you can do this.

**Let us be your guide.**



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**Space is limited.**

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# About the Speakers...



## Lawrence Barns

Lawrence is the President and CEO of LDAO, but prior to this role, he was already a parent of a son with LDs. A lawyer by training, he found that it was easy for him to feel empowered to advocate for his child within the school system, however he found that his ability to ask the right questions proved to be a challenge. A fluke conversation enabled him to find a path that not only changed the dynamic of his son's education, but one that saw a confident young adult graduate high school and launch into higher education. After twenty years as a global business executive, sought after public speaker and TV host, his time is now dedicated to changing the perception of learning disabilities and the individuals that it impacts.

## Kelli Cote

Kelli has been an educator with the York Region District School Board for over 20 years. She has taught primary, junior and intermediate students and has a passion for special education. She is currently a Principal at Ramer Wood Public School in Markham. Kelli is a board member for the Learning Disabilities Association in York Region, a member of the LD Steering Committee for the York Region District School Board, and a member of LDAO's new LD@school Advisory Committee (a web resource developed specifically for educators). Kelli is also the mother of two amazing boys. Her youngest son, Matthew, has a learning disability, and so she brings a well-rounded perspective to this topic.



**BONUS!** Following the webinar, registrants will receive handouts outlining key takeaways and helpful documents to further their knowledge of the supports that are out there for children with learning disabilities.