

25 Things Kids with ADHD Wish Their Teachers Knew

**PRESENTED BY****Dr. Brent Macdonald****SERIES SESSIONS**

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Most teachers of kids and adolescents who have ADHD try very hard to be compassionate and understanding of the nature of ADHD and its various effects on behaviour, mood, academic performance, and so on. What we can all forget, sometimes, is that somewhere in there is a kid who understands ADHD better than anyone else. This presentation is based on hundreds of conversations with kids with ADHD and their response to the basic – but critically important – question “What do you wish others knew about you and your ADHD?” Using their own words is a great place to engage in truly understanding the condition and developing more effective ways to work with kids, adolescents, and young adults who have ADHD while also framing the symptoms in a much more positive manner, so the focus is on strengths as opposed to focusing on the negative effects of ADHD. Strategies developed in collaboration with kids with ADHD will also be discussed.

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Presenters

Dr. Brent Macdonald

is a registered psychologist and certified teacher with over 20 years experience working with individuals with a variety of complex learning differences, including giftedness, difficulties with learning, attention/ concentration, impulsivity, social-emotional/ behavioural challenges, and anxiety, among others. He has taught at the junior and senior high level and was the assistant principal at an independent school for students with learning disabilities for 8 years. He currently is a consulting psychologist with a number of independent and charter schools in Calgary, along with being the Lead Psychologist with Macdonald Psychological Services. Brent has been a sessional instructor in the departments of psychology and education at Mount Royal University for over 20 years, and is also an adjunct assistant professor with the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary.

Brent holds a B.A. from UPEI, along with a B. Ed. from Saint Mary's University, a Master of Arts in School Psychology from Mount Saint Vincent University and a Ph.D. in Applied Psychology (Counselling) from the University of Calgary. He has presented at local, national, and international conferences and is a frequent guest on Global Morning and Global Newshour, Breakfast Television, and CTV2's Alberta Primetime. Dr. Macdonald has also served as a director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta – Calgary Chapter and was the Canadian Representative to the State and Provincial Leadership Committee with the American Psychological Association. He was also the Alberta Representative to the Public Education Committee, also with the American Psychological Association and currently sits on the Psychologist's Association of Alberta's Public Education Committee.



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