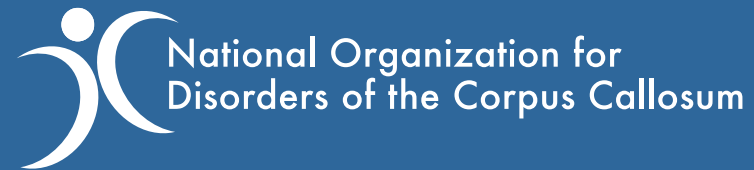




# FACTS about DCC

- DCC is a birth defect
- Affects at least a million people
- There is no single, known cause
- Diagnosed only with a brain scan - MRI, CT Scan, Sonogram
- Can be accompanied by other brain or genetic abnormalities or medical conditions
- Often goes undiagnosed or mis-diagnosed as a Learning Disability, ADD, Autism, or simply labeled laziness or social awkwardness
- Currently no cure, but early diagnosis and intervention are key to treatment
- People with a DCC often have difficulty reading body language and understanding social cues
- Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy, as well as special education services can be beneficial to those with a DCC



## NODCC MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to to enhance the quality of life and promote opportunities for individuals with a disorder of the corpus callosum and raise the profile, understanding and acceptance of these disorders through research, education, advocacy and networking.

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## *Understanding the Conditions... Enhancing Lives*





# WHAT IS a Disorder of the Corpus Callosum?

Disorder of the what?! People with a DCC are born without the millions of nerve fibers that connect the two sides of the brain - in other words, without their corpus callosum. The brain's two hemispheres must communicate through the corpus callosum in order to accomplish almost everything we do. People with a DCC are operating without the brain's "superhighway" making many of life's activities a major challenge.



## WHO IS the NODCC?

Many people with a DCC often go through life without an accurate diagnosis. Even when a diagnosis is early and accurate, people often feel alone as they face challenges within health and education institutions due to lack of awareness about DCC.

The NODCC is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and helping to improve the lives of those affected by a DCC.

Our programs of education, advocacy, research facilitation, and networking give knowledge, community and most importantly, hope to all those living with a DCC.

## HOW YOU can help support us.

Your support provides vital knowledge, community and hope for those living with a DCC. Early and accurate diagnosis is possible. Families do not have to face the challenges of a DCC alone. Your involvement is key to making this happen.

Whether you are an individual with a DCC, a family member, a friend or you encounter a person diagnosed with a DCC in your profession, you can get involved in the NODCC community. Contact the NODCC to learn more about the following programs:

Family Partnership Program

Adults with DCC Mentor Program

NODCC Conference with Kid's Camp

Education Empowerment Program

Online Support Groups and Discussion Boards

Advocacy and Media Outreach

Clinical Research Studies

Professional and Research Symposia

