



“Wishes really do come true!

Aria would come home in tears, saying she wished she was as smart as the other kids in her class. She was receiving services in school, but nothing made a difference. **We felt stuck until we found Promise.**

Thanks to your care, my daughter is getting exactly what she needs to learn. Now the tears are tears of joy.”

– Maya, Aria’s Mom



PROMISE PROJECT

CHANGING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Fall 2024

Dear Friend,

What a year of progress! Promise Project is leading the charge, fighting every day to create **equal opportunity for children with learning disabilities** from marginalized communities.

This year, New York City public schools made the commitment to provide greater support for students with learning disabilities. As awareness grows, so does the necessity to make sure each assessment pinpoints a child’s specific needs. **That’s exactly what Promise does.**

Underserved children still don’t have equal access to essential services. **All children deserve the same chance to reach their full potential.**

Through our groundbreaking initiatives, we are **training teachers to better understand children with learning disabilities.** Our program helps schools connect at risk students with effective interventions to put them on a path to an education.

Your support makes our work possible. Every dollar raised allows us to level the playing field so even more children can reach their Promise.

Please give generously.

Warmest regards,

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CHILDREN IN THE U.S.
STRUGGLE WITH LEARNING
OR ATTENTION DISORDERS

75%

OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS
HAVE UNDIAGNOSED
LEARNING DISABILITIES

3x

CHILDREN WITH LD DROP OUT
OF SCHOOL 3 TIMES MORE OFTEN
COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS

100%

OF TEACHERS TRAINED THROUGH
EARLY PROMISE FEEL MORE CONFIDENT
TEACHING CHILDREN WITH LD

A complete evaluation and strong advocacy are critical for children with learning disabilities. Underserved families in the communities we reach receive little to no help without Promise.

In collaboration with Columbia University Irving Medical Center, **Promise Project provides state-of-the-art neuropsychological testing.** We pair our evaluations with culturally competent advocacy and parent training to ensure students have the tools they need to learn — **all at no cost to families.**

Promise is leading the way:

We are **reaching children even earlier** by developing a screening tool with the NYC Department of Education to identify pre-K students at risk for reading challenges

We are **supporting cutting-edge research** as a founding member of The Understood.org NeuroEquity Research Collaborative

We are **shaping the direction of reading curriculum** through Promise Project's participation in New York City's Literacy Advisory Council