

What are the benefits of the Discovery Program?

1. The Discovery Program brings healing to the family as well as to the student.
2. It helps remove the paralyzing self-doubt that severely limits:
 - a. educational pursuits
 - b. vocational interests
 - c. social behavior
 - d. daily living activities
3. Students experience renewed self-confidence as skills are developed and applied in both their academic and home environments.
4. The Discovery Program produces students who are capable of independently pursuing knowledge and wisdom.

"It is better to build children than to rebuild men."

Yes, it is costly...

Yes, it is hard work...

Yes, if you ask families of students who have completed the therapy...

IT IS WORTH IT!

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See that I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:18,19

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The Discovery Program Educational Therapy

An Educational Therapy Program for individuals of average to superior intelligence who are experiencing obvious frustration in areas related to academic performance.



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What is the Discovery Program?

The **Discovery Program** approach to educational therapy uses techniques designed to stimulate deficit areas in perception and thinking. Compare the characteristics of the Discovery Program approach to a traditional tutoring approach.

Discovery Program Approach (What Discovery DOES)

1. Stimulates deficit areas of the intellect rather than teaching compensation techniques.
2. Functions in a discovery mode, with students generating their own strategies for learning.
3. Always operates on a one-to-one pupil-teacher ratio.
4. Focuses on skill acquisition, not content.
5. Emphasizes "how to learn," with the ultimate goal of producing an independent learner.
6. Involves parents on a daily basis.

Tutorial Approach (What Discovery does NOT do)

1. Teaching compensation techniques in deficit areas and works in areas of strength.
2. Re-teaches material previously covered in the classroom.
3. Sometimes operates on a one-to-one pupil-teacher ratio.
4. Focuses on content of subject matter, skills are secondary.
5. Emphasizes "what to learn," with the ultimate goal of passing a given subject area.
6. Involves parents little, if at all.

How do I get involved?

- To initiate steps to become a student in the Discovery Program, a parent or teacher needs to express a concern regarding the obvious frustration a student is experiencing in performing his or her academic work.
- A specific battery of tests, at additional cost, will be completed and evaluated in order to determine whether the individual is a candidate for the Discovery Program, or whether an alternative course of action may be more appropriate to meet the individual's specific needs.
- If accepted into the Discovery Program, the student will meet with a therapist twice a week for 80 minutes per session. Parent are required to attend the first six sessions in order to become familiar with the techniques they will be responsible for monitoring at home.
- The Discovery Program requires a commitment of 3-plus years to accomplish the desired goal of independent learning. At this time, the projected cost is \$330 per month on a ten month contract during the normal school year.