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The LAAC provides periodic updates to inform members about recent advocacy efforts and to request input from members about their advocacy needs.

IDA Factsheet on Dyslexia Assessment

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) developed and disseminated a [factsheet](#) on dyslexia that provided a wealth of information and addressed many important factors. For instance, it outlined the types of providers (i.e., M.A., M.S., Ed.D., Ph.D. degrees) qualified to conduct assessments for dyslexia. However, the factsheet specifically mentioned that evaluation by a neuropsychologist may provide additional information for complicated cases but is not required to make a formal diagnosis. This language, as written, may be misleading and confusing to the general public. For instance, the fact sheet did not clarify that neuropsychologists are doctoral-level psychologists with training in the diagnosis of specific learning disabilities. In addition, the wording of the fact sheet did not clarify that a neuropsychologist is able to evaluate patients with varying degrees of complexity, not only cases with complex presentations. Thus, the IOPC sent an [official comment letter](#) to Denise Douce, Director of Publications/Communications of the IDA, to clarify this point. The IDA has acknowledged receipt of the letter and will be responding at a later date.