

# Using the Eye to Eye App to **Empower** Your Students

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# INTRODUCTION

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# Our Brains Work **Differently**

**Dyslexia and ADHD are proven by science.**

## **Yale School of Medicine**

- People with dyslexia have brains that function differently. (fMRI brain scan study)

## **NYU Child Study Center**

- Studies suggest that different brain structure and different dopamine levels affect ADHD



# About **Eye to Eye**

- **Pairs college/high school students with learning and attention issues, like Dyslexia and ADHD, with middle school students who have similar labels**
- **Project-based mentoring with social-emotional learning**
- **Students obtain stronger skills such as self-advocacy and metacognition**

# Eye to Eye's work



Unlocking Greatness in the 1 in 5 who Learn Differently



# Eye to Eye's Terminology

**LEARNING  
DISABILITY**

Reading Learning Difference

Processing Disorder

ADHD

Visual Processing Disorder

Dyslexia

Executive Functioning Issues

Auditory Processing Disorder

Dyspraxia

Non-Verbal Learning Difference

Math Learning Difference

**LEARNING  
DIFFERENCE**

Dyscalculia

Dysgraphia

# The Eye to Eye App: EMPOWER Different Learners



# Overcoming Obstacles

- **1 in 5** Americans have an LD or ADHD.
- **19%** of students with LDs will drop out of school.
- **Only 68%** of students with LDs will leave high school with a regular diploma.
- **1/2** of students with LDs will face school disciplinary action

NCLD 2014 *The State of Learning Disabilities* Report





# Challenges of LD/ADHD

## Students with LD/ADHD:

2 X

More likely to  
struggle with social  
issues

3 X

More likely to  
struggle academically  
in high school

4 X

More likely to  
struggle with  
self-confidence



# APP STRUCTURE

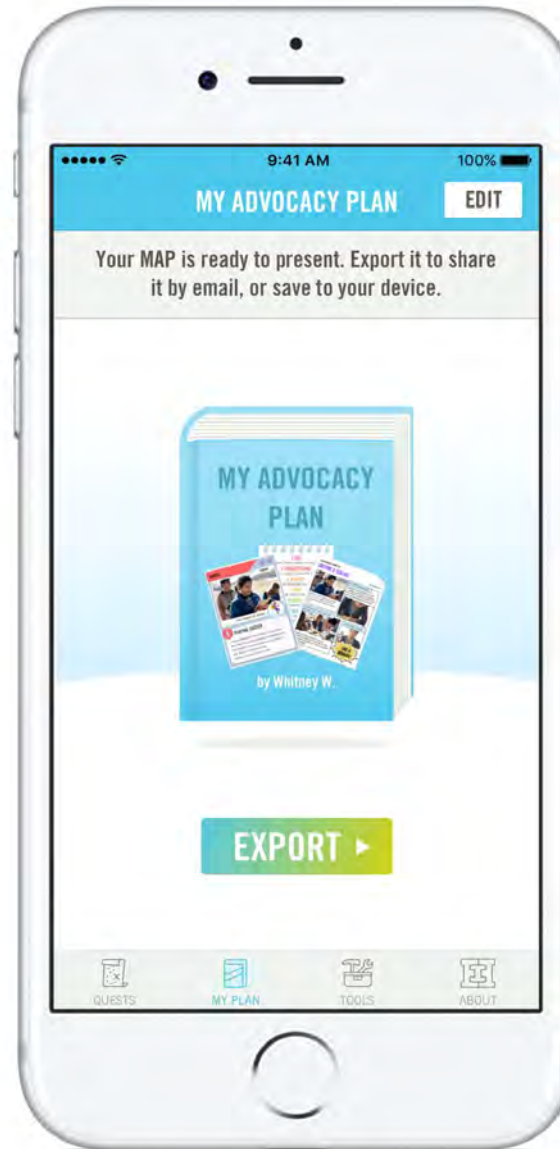
- Quests - Digital adaptations of Eye to Eye art activities
  - 8 Quests in the app
  - Each quest contains at least 1 SEL objective
- MAP - My Advocacy Plan - Self-advocacy tool that users can bring to IEP/504 Plan meetings
  - Culmination of the Eye to Eye app and Eye to Eye art curriculum
  - Way to bring new developments to
- Tools - Resources and accommodations that users can download outside of the app
- About - Eye to Eye information and connection to the organization

# ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES



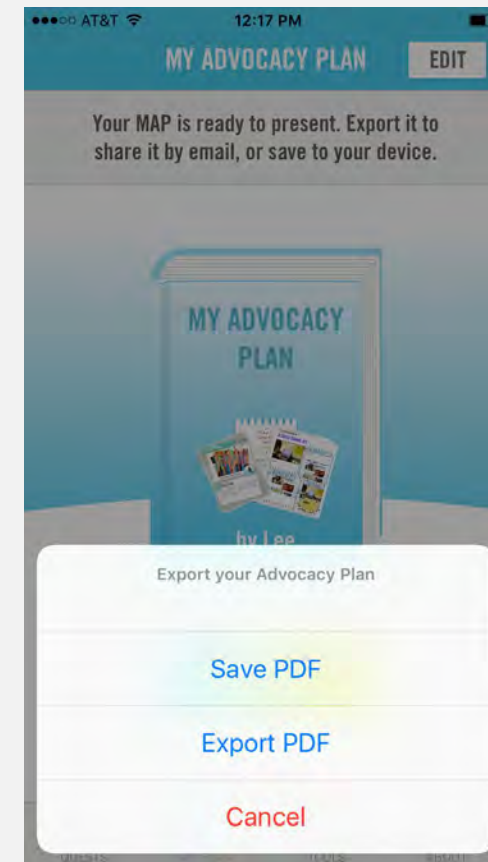
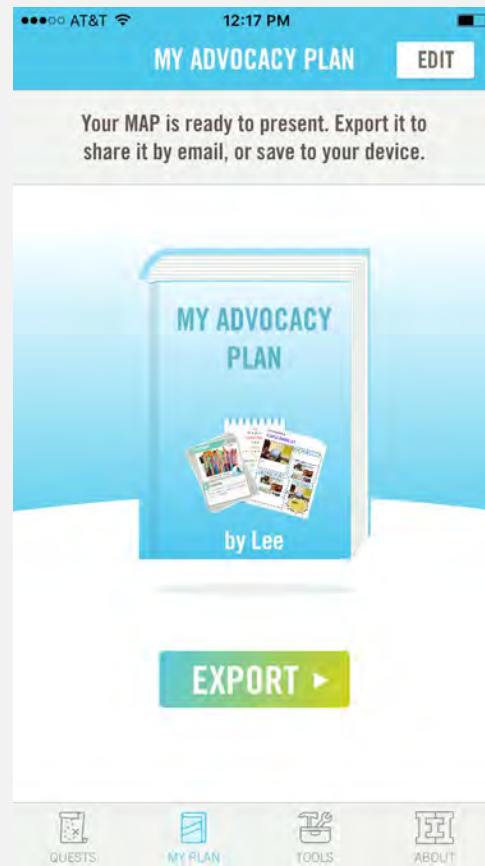
If you have a learning disability like dyslexia, features such as SpeakScreen, Speak Selection, Typing Feedback, and Predictive Text can help by adding an auditory element to reading or writing email messages, blog posts, and long documents

The Eye to Eye Empower Different Learners app made extensive use of speech to text and iPhone's powerful camera to enable students to complete their quests in the way that works best for them.





# MAP





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# *My Advocacy Plan*



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# Educator Feedback



"Using the app in the classroom has launched my students who learn differently on a journey that has lasting power. Through the series of exercises my students have become more self-aware and empowered. By identifying challenges, they can play off of a growth mindset, create goals, and advocate for themselves in their next academic or life setting."

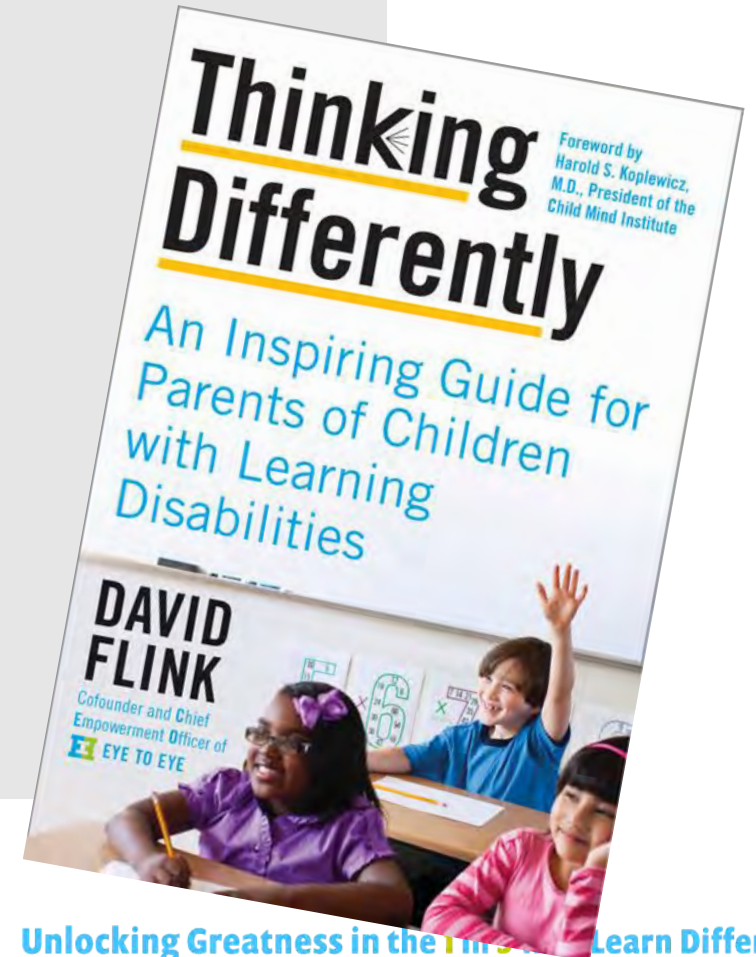
—Kate McElderry, Teacher and Curriculum Specialist at The Odyssey School, Baltimore, MD

# An owners' manual for different thinkers

*Thinking Differently*, by David Flink

## Stories about the 5 Main Keys to Success:

- Self-Esteem
- Self Advocacy Skills
- Meta-Cognition  
(knowing how your mind works)
- Accommodations
- Allies



Unlocking Greatness in the Minds of Kids Who Learn Differently

# Importance of Telling **Your** Story

From “nudge-ment”  
to

**MOVEMENT.**

“If we don’t speak up now, a population of different thinkers a generation in front of us will be at risk. And if we do, we can reshape the world for the better.”

-David Flink



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