



Theme
**Life Beyond
the Diagnosis**





Special Education Needs: First Thing First Post Diagnosis

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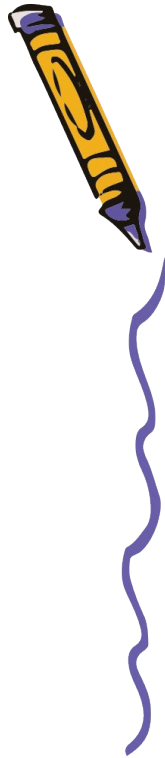
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INTRODUCTION

A range of questions and assumptions come to play in the life of a family at the time of noticing a developmental delay; viz

- Why me? – Not my portion!!!
- My child will outgrow it
- My child is just taking his/her time.
- You know, typical late bloomer.
- It's usual in their father's/mother's family.



Same, Same but Different



Individuals with special needs present differently; so family members and professionals must recognise that.



Finally, a Diagnosis is made.....



- It is normal for the news to come as a shock to parents and other family members.
- It is also normal for the news to make parents reimagine the child's future especially with the news that there is no known "Cure"



Diagnosis is not an End in itself.....



It poses further questions:

- Are developmental delays curable?
- Are developmental delays permanent?
- Can my child catch up?
- Can the developmental delay be overcome?
- When will my child become normal?



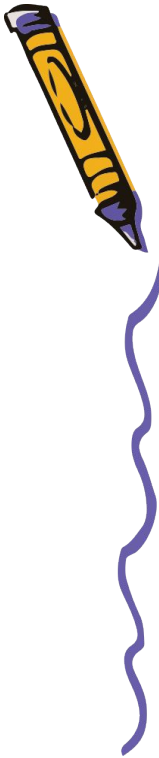
After Diagnosis, there is HOPE

- Educate yourself about the diagnosis.
- Adjust the home environment to best meet your child's needs.
- Seek professional therapeutic and allied services specific for your child's peculiarity.
- Join a Group/Forum with common interests and share information.



Conclusion

After a diagnosis, parents and professionals are saddled with managing developmental needs at different levels of severity. Do not judge or assume, rather avail yourself with knowledge that will help understand the dynamics of your child's needs and intervene accordingly. Remember, The world is waiting for your child, help him, help her conquer it.





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YOU