

STRENGTH-BASED STRATEGIES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Honoring and Celebrating Neurodiversity in the Classroom

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Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity: an idea which asserts that atypical (neurodivergent) neurological development is a normal human difference that is to be recognized and respected as any other human variation

Principles of Neurodiversity ✓

- The Brain is a Rain Forest
- Social Values Dictate Disorders
- Success I: Adapting to the Environment
- Success II: Constructing Positive Niches
- Positive Niches Modify the Brain

Positive Niche Construction

- ▣ Strengths Awareness
- ▣ Positive Role Models
- ▣ Assistive Technologies/UDL
- ▣ Strength-Based Learning Strategies
- ▣ Enhanced Human Resource Networks
- ▣ Affirmative Career Aspirations
- ▣ Positive Environmental Modifications



"If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each human gift will find a fitting place."
- Margaret Mead

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Dr. Armstrong's Resources



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