

The National Association for Child Development (NACD) Endorses Chiropractic

The NACD has given its official endorsement to chiropractic as an effective adjunctive treatment for children and adults who have neuro-developmental problems. Since its inception in 1979, the NACD has provided over 20 million hours of individualized treatment for children and adults with neurological, behavioral and other challenges.

"Parents are rarely told that learning, attention, and neurological issues *can be* understood, treated and often eliminated" said founder Bob Doman, "but, they can." The NACD approach to eliminating neurological inefficiencies" involves designing individualized treatment programs that will both *accelerate normal neurological* development and education as well as *remediate abnormal developmental patterns*

Because, as humans, we are all unique and develop at different rates, Doman theorizes that it would be possible to find brain inefficiencies in any child at almost any given time. "So many inefficiencies can be



remediated with chiropractic and other techniques," he adds.

"We see chiropractic as a significant component of our remediation," explains Doman, "since we are working with retraining and enhancing the inner workings of the central nervous system, we obviously want those messages to get where they need to go as quickly as possible, and **chiropractic helps keep those messages moving.**"

The NACD's unique treatment approach to creating neurological efficiency has benefited a wide range of children from

those who are accelerated learners, to ones with Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD and many other challenges. Following an evaluation, the NACD will design individualized neurologically-based developmental and educational treatment programs for each

child and then train the parents in how to implement the programs. We work with people with neurological issues to produce neurological organization and maximize their potential." Neurological development can be enhanced with the aid of sequential processing, perceptual training, diet, fine and gross motor exercises, language therapy, curriculum, and specific individualized guidance.

The NACD programs have been successful in increasing and enhancing communication skills, learning ability, confidence, attention, energy level, behavior, sensory integration and coordination. "It is for anyone who wants to optimize their brain function and efficiency," says Doman.

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