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**Thursday, March 8, 2012, 7 pm – 9 pm**

**The Gift: LD/ADHD/High Functioning Autism Reframed  
Presented by Jonathan Mooney**

Location: Fairview High School Auditorium, 1515 Greenbriar, Boulder 80305

Often students with learning disabilities (LD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) as well as High Functioning Autism (HFA) struggle in traditional school settings. Emerging brain research suggests that many students labeled LD/ADHD/HFA have gifts for creative and visual thinking that go unrecognized in academic environments. As a result, many bright and gifted labeled students spiral in a devastating pattern of academic failure, learned helplessness, and low self esteem.

In this presentation Mooney:

- \*Tackles this paradox head-on by outlining research that validates LD/ADHD/HFA as a set of cognitive gifts.
- \*Speaks honestly about the systemic and cultural barriers to normalizing these unique learning styles.
- \*Empowers parents with applicable strategies to build a positive self-understanding in their labeled student.

**About the Presenter:**

Jonathan Mooney is a writer and activist with dyslexia who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000 and holds an honors degree in English Literature. Jonathan is founder and President of **Project Eye-To-Eye**, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. **Project Eye-To-Eye** currently has 20 chapters, in 13 states working with over 3,000 students, parents and educators nation wide.



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