

# DELAYED PROCESSING



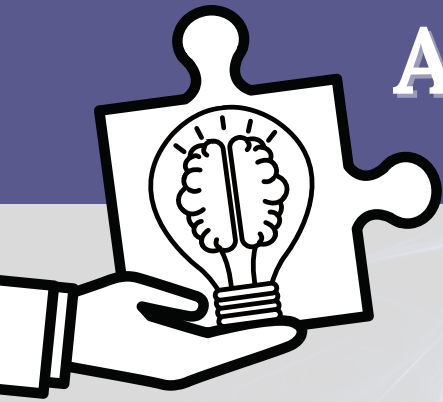
Delayed processing is the brain's decreased/slowed ability to process auditory, visual, or cognitive information.

## LOOK FOR:



- Misses components of instructions or conversations
- Has difficulty following conversations
- Tires easily/appears to “zone out” or is mentally foggy
- Appears passive, unmotivated, slow moving, or lethargic
- Appears uncooperative, non-compliant, or resistant due to slow responsiveness





# ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS

- Ask the individual to summarize important information from a conversation
- Use concise/clear language
- Allow extra time to respond and answer additional questions (*especially in group settings*)
- Limit distractions
- Provide extra time for tasks and activities
- Simplify information and give instructions one step at a time
- Consider incorporating physical activities as a part of the treatment plan to increase brain activity in regions where processing occurs (*e.g., yoga, walking*)



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