

# Attention-Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder

ADHD is a Neurodevelopmental Disorder. The DSM-5 lists three forms:  
1. INATTENTION  
2. HYPERACTIVITY-IMPULSIVITY  
3. COMBINED

## Inattention

Children described as spaced out or daydreamers.

## Hyperactivity-Impulsivity

Children described as out of control.

## Combined Type

Children with combined type present symptoms from both Inattention and Hyperactivity-Impulsivity

**11% of children ages 4-17 diagnosed in 2011**

Children may not exhibit the same behaviors at home as they do at school. Tendencies may also vary depending on the difficulty of task and whether the child enjoys it or not. Children with inattention are often overlooked because they are seen as quiet and unmotivated.

## Symptoms/Behaviors

### Inattentive

- Loses things frequently
- Has trouble paying attention to detail
- Makes a lot of mistakes on work
- Forgetful
- Short attention span
- Trouble listening, even when directly spoken to
- Has trouble finishing tasks
- Easily distracted, has trouble paying attention
- Often overlooked
- More prevalent in girls

### Hyperactive-Impulsive

- Has trouble staying seated
- Interrupts others
- Constantly on-the-go
- Has trouble playing quietly
- Fidgets and squirms
- Runs around a climbs on things excessively
- Has trouble taking turns when playing games or talking
- More prevalent in boys

