PRAXIS: ADVOCATING FOR NEURODIVERSITY
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FACILITATE JOY!
Advocates for the neurodivergent (ND) community
Provides an online and in-person space for ND people to connect & build community
Provides autism and ADHD coaching
Located in Reno, NV (remote internship)

FUN FACTS
Synesthesia involves the overlapping of senses. One type of sensory input stimulates another sense. (This condition affects the way your brain processes information, not your vision/eyes).

Ex.: a synesthete may see sounds or taste names.

NEURODIVERSITY IS...
The variety of ways to think, act, learn, and communicate
A form of biological diversity
Something that adds to humankind’s creativity and diversity

MY RESPONSIBILITIES
• Research ND conditions and related traits
• Raise awareness by educating the public
• Give a presentation on "Less Well-Known Neurodiverget Conditions"
• Collect resources for ND people and those who love them

TOPICS I LEARNED ABOUT
• Interoception
• Alexithymia
• Synesthesia
• Aphantasia
• Dyscalculia
• Motion blindness
• Face blindness
• ADHD and maladaptive daydreaming

WHAT I LEARNED
• How to communicate complex, nuanced medical topics to the public in an accessible and educational way
• How to convey information to people in different ways (i.e., verbally, via slides, via videos, via graphics)
• About neurological conditions and related traits
• Tips & tricks that some ND people use to manage their conditions & quirks
• About ND resources

ND RESOURCES THAT I FOUND
• Prosopagnosia: Parent’s Support Group/Raising Kids with Facial Blindness (Facebook group)
• PatientsLikeMe, a website that people with a wide variety of medical issues can visit for support, advice, and community
• “Dyscalculia: ‘Numbers look like a foreign language to me’”, YouTube video from Rose, BBC Young Reporter, 2022
• Natural Reader, text-to-speech online tool