

# Denver Metro Specialized Education Support for Parents

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Join us for our monthly meetup!

February 3, 2022

## The Power of Early Brain Development



We are thrilled to announce that [Dr. Sloka Iyengar](#), a renowned neuroscientist, will explain the science behind brain development, connections made in the brain during early childhood, and the impact of factors like maternal health, nutrition, and safe, nurturing environments in early childhood development. We will also look at the neuroscientific basis of seizures, autism spectrum disorders, and other neurological disorders. Dr. Iyengar is sponsored by [ReadyNation/Council for a Strong America](#).

For Dr. Iyengar's Ph.D. and postdoctoral work, she examined neuronal circuits that lead to the generation and propagation of epileptic seizures. Wanting to use her scientific training for more direct public impact, she worked with adults and children with refractory epilepsy to develop better therapeutic strategies. This work led to the approval of cannabidiol (CBD) for certain epilepsy syndromes.

In the recent past, Dr. Iyengar has realized the impact that science and effective science communication can have, and the critical need for science geared towards public good. It is also clear to her that she has an obligation to use her scientific training for direct public impact. To do this, she works with collaborators in India and the US in the areas of patient advocacy and communication, dementia, palliative care, harm reduction in substance abuse disorders, and post-traumatic epilepsies.

As an award-winning Bharatanatyam performer and practitioner, Dr. Iyengar believes that the arts have an important role to play in society. As a practitioner of dance and science, she has created productions that explore the many points of convergence between dance and neuroscience.

**Meeting time:** 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Location:** Accelerated Schools - 2160 S Cook ST, Denver, CO 80210 OR Zoom

For more information and to register

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