Implications of the Functional Disconnection Syndrome Explosion
(ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Asperger’s Syndrome, Autism, Tourette’s Syndrome, OCD, etc.)

Home & Society:
1. More & more people will be unable to relate positively with others
   a. Increased conflict with family members at home and classmates at school
   b. More people will develop depression and/or anxiety, and have difficulty making friends. This will dramatically reducing their enjoyment of life.
   c. Those with a right brain deficiency (ADHD, Asperger’s, autism) are less empathetic toward others & highly reactive emotionally which brings an increased risk of violence
2. Increasing Health Care Costs: brain imbalances cause serious issues with digestion, allergies, infections, anxiety, & depression, putting a greater strain on our health care system

Education:
1. Brain Drain: the overall “brain power” of this generation is weaker than the past, and will continue to drop (especially higher level thinking)
2. Budget Issues: there will be an ever increasing need for special education services at the cost of $30,000 or more per child per year. This will break the bank for education.
3. Test Results, Graduation Issues, Preparation for Life:
   a. Already schools have made it tougher for children to qualify for Special Education services in an effort to save money. The result: more children that need help must survive in regular education classes without it
   b. Test scores will drop, graduation rates will drop, and fewer students will be prepared to become productive members of society. The result: more and more citizens will need to rely on welfare.
4. Behavior Issues: teachers will spend more and more time on discipline instead of teaching

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