

Learning Channels

TLC is an American [cable television](#) channel owned by [Warner Bros. Discovery](#). First established in 1980 as **The Learning Channel**, it initially focused on educational and instructional programming. By the late 1990s, after an acquisition by the owners of [Discovery Channel](#) earlier in the decade, the network began to pivot towards [reality television](#) programming—predominantly focusing on programming involving [lifestyles](#) and personal stories—to the point that the previous initialism of "The Learning Channel" was [phased out](#).

As of February 2015, TLC is available to watch in approximately 95 million American households (81.6% of households with cable television) in the [United States](#).