

Independent Educational Consultants: Partnering With Learning Specialists



An Independent Educational Consultants Association member is a skilled professional who provides counseling to help students and families choose a school, college or other program that is a good personal match: one that will foster the student's academic and social growth. Educational consultants are specialists with firsthand knowledge of hundreds of educational opportunities available nationally and can provide a family with the time and individual attention to explore the vast array of options.

Working with fellow professionals in helping students with learning disabilities, and with their extensive knowledge of schools and colleges, consultants can broaden the potential choices and provide vital help in weighing factors such as cost, location, curriculum, and special services. With a consultant, your family has the opportunity to discuss a wider variety of options in an expansive and meaningful way. Because they are not tied to any specific school or college, IECA member consultants are not burdened with unrelated duties and are available at the family's convenience—not just during school hours during the school year.

IECA members, working with families and educational professionals as part of the team dedicated to student success.



Who Are IECA Members?

- Have visited, on average, more than 150 school/college/program campuses each, and spend about 20% of their time each year touring campuses to stay knowledgeable and up-to-date.
- Participate in continuing education to keep current about new programs, admission trends, and educational materials.
- Evaluate each client's strengths and needs through extensive interviews and personal service.
- Develop educational goals, objectives, and plans for each client.
- Compensated by the family; do not receive compensation from educational institutions or other professionals.
- Present workshops for the community.
- Have background in admissions to college, graduate school, day and boarding school, and training in learning disabilities, at-risk children, teens and young adults, international studies and summer programs.

For more information visit www.ica.org

How IECA Members Work with Learning Specialists and Other Educational Professionals

(including: Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Speech/Language Pathologists, OTs, Principals, Mentors, Advocates, Tutors, Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Educational Attorneys)

- Develop professional relationships with team members through individual meetings, professional conferences and organizations.
- Work together for the benefit of the client/student.
- Help find the appropriate educational setting based on testing, reports and recommendations.
- Help client/student who is moving out of state find a new school.
- When appropriate, refer clients to other professionals for testing, coaching, tutoring and/or therapy.

IECAonline.com/learning.html



About The Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)

IECA was founded in 1976 as a nonprofit professional association of established educational consultants. Membership in the Association requires an appropriate master's degree or comparable training, a minimum of three years experience in the profession, extensive campus site visits, and professional references that are reviewed by the Association, as well as meeting IECA's professional standards and subscribing to its Principles of Good Practice. IECA helps members update knowledge and maintain skills through meetings, workshops, training programs, and information exchange with colleges, schools, programs, and other consultants.

When a family chooses an independent educational consultant who is a member of IECA, they are assured that the consultant is experienced, highly trained, and committed to honest and ethical practices.



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