

## How An IECA Member Educational Consultant Can Help Your Child Reach His Or Her Full Potential

A child with learning differences faces many challenges and pressures. The resulting frustration and need for learning support may keep a child from reaching his or her full potential.

Finding a school, college, or program that caters to children's individual needs can lead to increased self-confidence and a positive attitude toward the future. IECA educational consultants will focus on finding the school that presents the right fit to maximize the student's personal strengths and to meet individual challenges. With the wide range of options available to students with learning differences—from basic accommodations through comprehensive programs offering academic and social support—thorough research and extensive knowledge are needed before choosing an educational program that fits a particular child's needs. This is the work of an IECA member.

IECA member educational consultants are trained professionals who possess extensive knowledge of these options. This expertise, combined with a caring approach to understanding your child, helps families identify a school, college, or program that is academically, socially, and financially appropriate.

## About the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)

IECA was founded in 1976 as a non-profit, professional association of established independent educational consultants. As the nation's respected voice of the profession, IECA sets the standards, leads the discussion, and serves as the public face of independent educational consulting to the media, colleges, and other professionals. 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 the profession's highest standards for ethical practices.

IECA members help find the right school, college, or program for your student. IECA member educational consultants are independent from educational institutions, never accept payment from a school or program in exchange for placement, and work only in the best interest of the student and the family.

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## Meeting the Needs of Students with Learning Differences

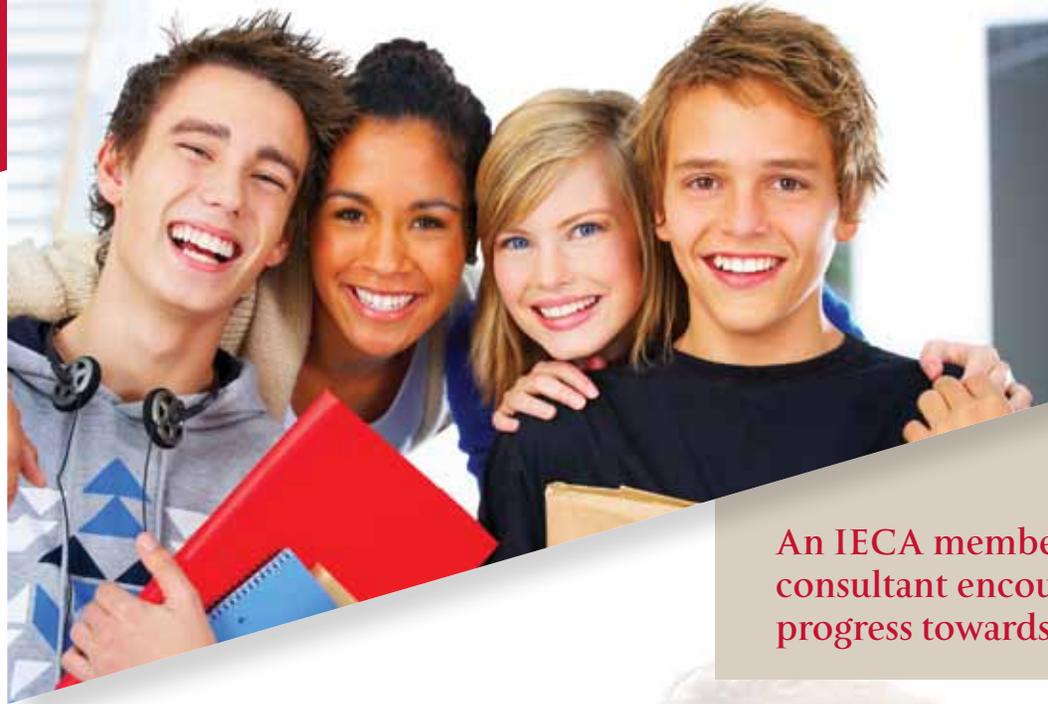
How an Independent Educational  
Consultant Can Help



**An IECA member educational consultant can help find the school, college, or program that will meet your child's unique learning profile.**

**An IECA member gets to know you and your child to best determine your family's unique needs.** IECA members listen carefully and use a thorough assessment process that entails more than just the gathering of grades, reports, and test scores. They meet with both the student and the family and review documentation in order to gain a better understanding of the student's background, learning profile, educational history, and interests. An IECA member combines the knowledge gained through personal interviews with information from schools, and various types of prior testing to form a complete picture of the student. This individualized approach is crucial to finding the most suitable educational setting.

An IECA member consultant has extensive knowledge of schools, colleges, and programs, and their available support services. IECA members visit and evaluate hundreds of options in order to provide appropriate recommendations. Their knowledge of each institution will include student-teacher ratio, teacher credentials, use of assistive technology, and breadth of accommodations and learning services. IECA members may also recommend appropriate academic and vocational alternatives, or help develop a transition plan to meet a student's long-term educational goals.



**An IECA member educational consultant encourages your child's progress towards independence.**

**An IECA member educational consultant can help find the options that will focus on the child's personal strengths to meet his or her individual challenges.**

**An IECA member may recommend getting additional information from other professionals to clarify a child's individual needs or may recommend updating the student's documentation.** Some IECA members provide psycho-educational testing services in their office; others refer to trusted professionals. IECA members work as a team with psychologists and other counseling professionals to understand your child's individual learning style, strengths, and areas of need. A thorough and objective assessment provides the IECA member with the information necessary to help each student and family formulate a customized educational plan.

**Successful independence relies upon each student's ability to identify specific challenges, develop appropriate compensation strategies, and advocate for him or herself.** IECA members support students as they seek to build a firm foundation for success. They are caring and knowledgeable professionals who offer more than a list of suitable schools; they also use their professional expertise to support students as they seek a variety of opportunities.

Talk to an IECA member educational consultant about your child. You will find a partner who is skilled at matching your child's individual academic profile to a school, college, or program that addresses his or her unique learning style. IECA members listen to your special concerns, thoroughly investigate the options, and help determine where your child will thrive in an academically and socially appropriate learning environment.