

Provider Information Form



Contact Information

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Service(s) Provided

Medical Professional, please specify:

Counseling/Therapy

Educational Testing/Assessment

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Consulting/Coaching YES, Educational Placement Consultant for Gifted and 2e Students: Day, Boarding, Therapeutic, Homeschooling

Tutoring

Other, please specify:

Do you have experience working with gifted individuals? Do you typically work with children, teens, adults, and/or families?

Yes, I have 15 years working as an educational consultant for gifted and twice-exceptional children and their families. I work with children, teens, and young adults.

Do you have a specialty or preferred area of expertise? Do you have additional certifications or training that may be of interest to families with gifted children?

SPECIALTY AREA:

Educational advising for gifted and twice-exceptional: Day Schools, Boarding Schools, Residential Therapeutic Programs, Homeschooling

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Educational Planner (www.aicep.org)

National Certified Counselor (<https://nbcc.org>)

M.S., Clinical Mental Health

LIST OF CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ARTICLES (on request)

AWARDS: Regina Matthews Oehmig Award for Excellence in Counseling. Loyola University New Orleans, May, 2012

BOARD SERVICE:

- Advisory Board Member, Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development
- Board Member, SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) 2008-9

Have you worked with twice-exceptional children/teens and their families?

Yes, gifted and twice-exceptional children and teens are the exclusive focus of my work.

Briefly state how your understanding of the needs of gifted/2e individuals and families inform your approach?

I've chosen to work in the twice exceptional field because I have found that helping 2e individuals has brought me the deepest professional and personal satisfaction, challenge, friendship, honor and meaning that I could imagine -- I'm able to alleviate suffering and bring joy. I've discovered through my personal life experience that this group of people is severely misunderstood, misidentified, misdiagnosed, and mistreated, leading many of them to feelings of depression, anxiety and hopelessness. I understand 2e individuals -- both students and parents -- and have found a way to make a difference in their lives without which their futures would be full of continued struggle and hardship. The field of twice-exceptionality gives me purpose and meaning. I care deeply about 2e students being able to understand and accept themselves, find their self worth and make it to adulthood safely, understanding their own value with hope and skills to live lives that are meaningful to them. This field aligns with my values of human respect and dignity which I have witnessed are often missing from the experience of the twice exceptional. As gifted individuals many are already outliers and misunderstood; with the additional exceptionalities 2e people become a conundrum to themselves, their families and their communities when they are not understood and supported.

Please list any professional organizations in which you are affiliated.

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Counseling Association (ACA)

Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students (AEGUS)

Independent Educational Consultants Association, *Professional Member*(IECA)

National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), Counseling and Guidance Network

Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), the leading international organization supporting the social and emotional needs of gifted individuals

Enrollment Management Association (EMA), formerly SSATB

National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP)

About NWGCA

The Northwest Gifted Child Association (NWGCA) is a support and advocacy organization for parents of gifted children. Organized in 1963, NWGCA provides support and information to parents of gifted children. It continues to help parents enhance and hone their parenting skills and gives them tools to speak out for an appropriate gifted education and deal with this learning difference we call giftedness. NWGCA works with individual families, talking with them by phone and through emails, providing appropriate referrals and resources through our website. Thank you for completing this application form and for supporting the gifted and talented families of Washington State. Please email completed form to providers@nwgca.org.