## Autism Consultation Services by Smart Kids Tutoring

"Autism is part of my child. It's not everything he is. My child is so much more than a diagnosis." S. L Coelho

Parent Consultation \$80/hr.

Classroom Observation \$125/hr.

One on one tutoring

Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> \$40/hr.

Written Summary \$150

Phone Summary \$65

IEP Participation \$125/hr.

Family Setting Coaching \$95/hr.

Social Stories Development \$45/story

Special Field Trips \$ 50- \$80

Travel Mileage Roundtrip

1- 10 miles free 11-30 miles \$50 31-60 miles \$80

Speaking Engagements varies

Workshops/Meetings varies

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## **Advocacy Services include:**

- Coaching
- ➤ IEP (Individual Education Plan) attendance and/or reviewing an IEP
- Meeting participation
- **➤** Consultation
- ➤ Letter Writing
- Workshop development and presentation

## Ways I can help:

- ✓ Offer one on one tutoring for grades K-5<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Foster better communication between home and school
- ✓ Provide or connect families with specific resources
- ✓ Support child through school visits and plans, meetings with families and schools or community organizations
- ✓ Suggest therapeutic & social interaction opportunities
- ✓ Provide strategies to allow the child to grow academically as well as emotionally and foster greater self-confidence
- ✓ Arrange special field trips with the child and parents to facilitate specific goals
- ✓ Create social stories which help to teach skills and lead to greater independence
- ✓ Provide a sounding board for parents and family members
- ✓ Brainstorm ideas
- ✓ Tips on hiring caregivers
- ✓ Discuss puberty issues
- ✓ Transitioning from child to youth, teen and young adult
- ✓ Higher education resources and tips
- ✓ Multi-cultural sensitivity
- ✓ Caring and skilled educator
- ✓ First-hand experience

'Within every living child exists the most precious bud of self-identity. To search this out and foster it with loving care; that is the essence of educating an autistic child," Dr. Kiyo Kitahara

"By holding the highest vision for your child when they cannot see it for themselves, you are lifting them up, elevating them and helping them to soar," Megan Koufos

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Parent			_	
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SiblingsAge of Siblings				
Public, Private School or Homeschool?				
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Please describe your child's strengths and	interests_			
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Does your child get easily frustrated?		_ Attention	span len	gth
Is your child verbal or non-verbal?		Medication	ns	
Please name the services you'd like from u	1S			
How did you hear about us?				

24-hour advanced notice is requested if you need to reschedule. We accept all major credit and debit cards and balance must be paid in full at the time of service. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to working with your child and family!

Dear Parent, Family Member and Caregiver,

I'm glad you're here and look forward to assisting you! My autism journey started in 1995 with the birth of my daughter. It would be several years later that a diagnosis of autism would be determined. It was a whirlwind of emotions as I know many of you can relate. My focus was singular, to get my child all the help I could now. I also decided very early on that the label would never define my child. She would go as far as her abilities would take her, with my assistance.

In those early years I went from one side of Atlanta to the other because we lived in the east of the City and most services were in the Northern suburbs. I networked with other families and attended meetings and support groups. Along the way, I exposed her to activities such as: dance, horse back riding, swimming, basketball, gymnastics, etc. I wanted her to be exposed to it all and be a part of the community she lived in. I invited school friends to join her in activities. At five she started playing piano and her world and language started opening more.

At the same time as I was learning more about autism, I was starting to see how my education background was giving me insights that I could use to assist my child. I was a classroom teacher and so I understood the realities from the school side as well as the perspective of a mother. I had years of experience in the school system and graduate school education to draw upon too. With 20+ years of working in the education arena, I realized I had a unique perspective.

The road has not been easy, and it has been blessed just the same. The right people were put in our path over the years. My daughter has recently graduated from Brenau University Class of 2018 with her Bachelor of Arts in Music, piano and voice concentration. Can you imagine how proud I was in the audience to hear my daughter lead the graduation in the National Anthem, Brenau Alma Mater and see her cross the stage to receive her diploma from a four-year private university? If you asked me back in the early part of this journey if we would get here I couldn't answer yes; I didn't know. I'm so grateful and humbled that we have, and the journey continues.

Now that we have reached this milestone I know that this long, and at times arduous journey, was not just for me alone. I knew I could share skills and tips I've gathered along the way to help other families. I decided it was time to offer my consultation services to others. Each child is unique and with the right tools and strategies each child can blossom.

I look forward to setting up our initial consultation and look forward to celebrating your coming milestones with you!

Sincerely,

Sharon A. Lord Ed. S.