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Professional Profile

A solution-focused, detail-oriented Special Education Advocate and recognized communicator trained in conflict resolution. Diagnosed with ASD at the age of 44 and supporting the daily triumphs of a disabled son who struggles with verbal language, has resulted in a full immersion into various support and community projects around various medical conditions affecting school-aged children. Forthright, commitment to independently corroborated peer-reviewed scientific research as the key to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities now and in the future. Develops strong, strategic partner relationships through negotiation with organizations dedicated to the effectiveness and transparency of programs for the disability community. Provides comprehensive follow-through to meet short term benchmarks and long term goals. Driven by the character qualities of integrity and honesty.

Professional Overview

- Media Interviews include Neurology Now, Child Mind Institute, Family Circle Online, parents.com, Zoom Magazine, and Spectrum Magazine
- Presentations Include Yale University, University of California San Francisco, Hunter College, City University of New York, Infant Development Association, Autism Society of America, Asperger's Association of New England
- Associations: Member of Council of Parents Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), Editor at Thinking Person's Guide to Autism (TPGA) book and blog, East Coast Regional Director for Autism Women's Network (AWN)

2008-Present

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brooklyn Special Needs Consulting

- Representing children with disabilities and their families during school tours and/or individual Educational Plan meetings
- Advises parents and schools on appropriate educational services for children with special needs
- Nationwide presence in speaking engagements that bring recognition of and appropriate support to people with special needs to audiences of medical, special educational professions, parents, and students at institutions of higher learning
- Writing for or being interviewed by publications with national and international distribution on special education, autism, parenting, and disability advocacy

2010-Present

EDITOR

Thinking Person's Guide to Autism (TPGA)

- Covered 5 International Society of Autism Research conferences collaborating with fellow editors and writers from other publications. Co-interviewed clinicians and researchers about topics such as co-occurring medical conditions, best practices, & assistive technology
- Contributing editor to blog and TPGA book cooperating with fellow editors responsible for vetting and editing the ongoing blog
- Moderating often controversial discussions in ever-expanding Social Media forums, including TPGA's Facebook Page which now draws a diverse community of autistics, family members and professionals in a 205,000-person community
- Ongoing leadership in streamlining the moderation process to ensure respectful conversations around the sometimes contentious subject of disability rights

Career Summary Continued

2011-2015 **EAST COAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Autism Women's Network (AWN)

- Providing effective support for Autistic women and girls of all ages through community, advocacy and resources including support for their families, friends, and supporters
- AWN provides a safe environment where sharing experiences among diverse, inclusive, supportive, and productive communities reside
- Encouraging women who may be autistic to pursue evaluations and participate in medical research, towards the goal of eliminating gender bias in scientific inquiry

Education and Qualifications

MA International Development, Clark University, Worcester, MA (1991)

BA Japanese Studies, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA (1985)

Key Skills

I.T.: Computer Literate

Languages: English, Excellent Japanese