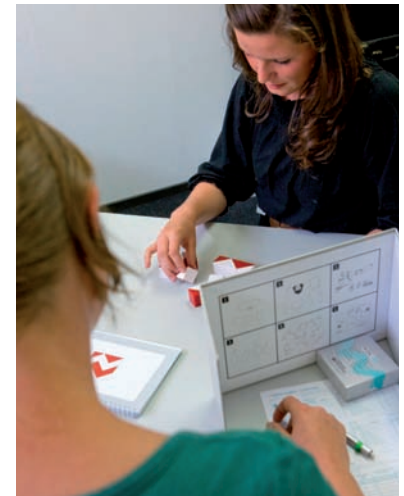


EDUCATIE+PLUS



Educatie Plus was founded in Holland in 1990 by Petra Poelstra and Geert Jonker. Petra is an educationalist with origins in primary education and Geert in secondary education. In the 80's they started focusing on the impact of structural changes in education on the performance of the individual student in Secondary school. The major changes in education focused on the principles of the independent learning student; changes that resulted in an increasing number of students performing below their individual capacity level and not capable of achieving the expected goals. The drop out of children in Secondary school, College and University increased exceptionally. Research shows that at least 10% of Secondary school students require, at some stage, extra care to achieve their maximum individual level in education and prepare them for a successful follow-up study.

From the start in 1990 Educatie Plus created facilities and programs in which children received support with the school tasks they had to perform independently, outside the school: homework. In a structured environment the children are helped with the school tasks through long-term planning, a private study place, support by subject teachers and a check and evaluation of the performed tasks. These facilities are available from 2 up to 5 days a week.

Besides the homework-care, students receive structural and long-term support in developing learning strategies, practice to increase the ability to concentrate and are taught to use various IT solutions to achieve a better study attitude and performance. Together with special training programs, starting with the reduction of the fear of failure and ending with the training of social skills, Educatie Plus programs contribute to the growth of an individual, self-supporting personality

with the skills to succeed in study. The various programs are created and performed with a team of 27 educationalists.

Through better knowledge and understanding of the development from child to adult, in combination with new methods of scanning brain functions, specific disorders were found and specified. To create a challenging educational environment for children with disorders such as Dyslexia, PDD-NOS or AD(H)D special, individual programs are being created. The pedagogical centre of Educatie Plus has developed the track-coaching-system. From the point of indication of a conceivable disorder, the testing, diagnosing, creating and executing of the treatment plan will be attended to in-house, under supervision of a personal track-coach. This way of supporting and treating the child and student will create the specific and trustful environment needed to achieve an optimal educational qualification.

To deal with the increase in number of children with diagnosed disorders and the parental demand for extra study care in regular schools, Educatie Plus provides schools with in-school tailor made study support. In order to optimize the treatment and care programs for children with learning disorders Educatie Plus develops, implements and takes part in the performance of the special care programs and coaching of teachers.

