

About

Inspire Education supports families whose children may be facing difficulties in school. Think of us as an educational coach or mentor. We offer interventions, advocacy, and problem solving, as well as a wealth of educational knowledge.

Philosophy

At Inspire Education we believe in doing just what our name says, "Inspiring". We want to inspire families, educators, and schools to focus on the unique needs of every child. Our expertise lies in building partnerships, finding solutions and maintaining a child centered approach.

Qualifications

Our founder has an extensive history with public education. She was an elementary teacher for 12 years for Rapid City Area schools. In that time, she was a technology leader, professional development instructor, curriculum committee advisor, and a SD teacher of the year. She also obtained a Master's Degree in "Technology and Training in Education". Jackie has been employed by Pearson as an online writing coach, obtained her certification as a specialist in Dyslexia, and participated in various educational boards and committees. Throughout these years of experience, she developed ways to help kids and families in and outside of the classroom. She is currently a member of COPAA (Council of Parents, Advocates, and Attorneys) and is in the process of receiving her National Certification in Advocacy.

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Inspire Education

Consulting and Advocacy



Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not.

-Dr. Suess



Services for families include...

Connection to resources

Interventions that can be done at school and home

Advocacy services at IEP meetings and parent teacher conferences

Help navigating the RTI, IEP, and 504 process

Understanding report cards, state learning standards, and assessment results

Professional development courses

ADHD/Dyslexia resources

Conflict resolution

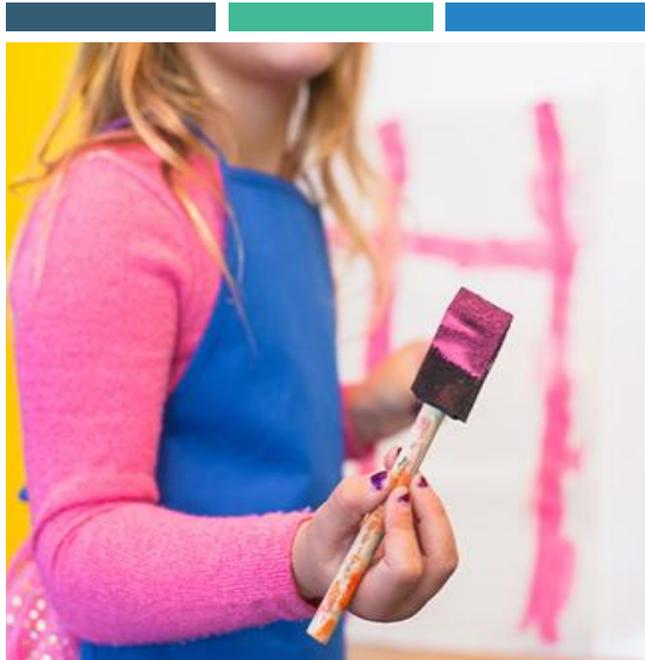
Research on effective practices at home or school

Mission

Our mission is to help all children receive an appropriate education that meets their unique needs. We help families navigate the public schools as well as resources in the community. We build bridges, create common goals, and help improve the overall educational experience of the child.

Beliefs

We believe everyone has dreams for their child and wants what's best for them. We believe that all families can support their child's learning and development. We believe this can be achieved through open communication and equal partnerships between families and schools.



“The evidence is consistent, positive, and convincing; families have a major influence on their children’s achievement through school and through life.”

Henderson, A. T., & Mapp, K. L. (2002). *A new wave of evidence: The impact of school, family, and community connections on student achievement*. Austin, TX: Southwest Educational Development Laboratory

Why hire a consultant?

When it comes to our children, our emotions often run high. There is an abundance of laws, procedures, regulations, and test and measures that can be overwhelming. Working with an experienced educator who understands all sides of the situation is invaluable. A consultant can bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding to the table. This unifying presence often results in positive interactions and ongoing relationships that directly benefit the child.

What can you expect?

You can expect someone who listens to and values your opinions and experiences with your child. We will create actionable goals together. We will communicate with everyone involved on how your child learns and the obstacles they may face. We are organized, flexible, and respectful of all parties involved. Other consultants and advocates may take an adversarial position with schools. We believe this does not help the child and only hinders communication. Our position is to create a child-centered team atmosphere where everyone is welcomed, honored, and respected.