

The Rested Mind is so pleased to welcome Elizabeth Smith into our family!!!!

Beth has over 20 years of professional experience within the field of Special Education. She has extensive experience teaching within public schools and private placements. She has performed cognitive and social emotional evaluations, implemented teaching strategies, written goals and objectives and developed Individual Education Plans and 504 plans. Her students have ranged in need from mild to severe and she has worked with students with extremely diverse diagnosis.

Beth has had many years of experience as an IEP team leader and liason. She has presented at IEP meetings as a professional as well as sitting on the other side of the table as a parent. She has assisted in resolving disputes between parents and school districts as well as participating in Mediations. In addition to teaching, Beth served as Director of The Children's Developmental Disabilities Center, a 766 approved private placement in Massachusetts, for over 3 years before taking time off to raise her daughters.

Throughout her career Beth has developed both sub-separate classroom programs and full inclusion models within the public schools. She has performed numerous classroom observations to determine appropriateness for students of every level of ability.

On a personal level, Beth has a sister with cognitive disabilities and watched her parents struggle to obtain appropriate programs and services. As a parent she has had to advocate for her own children. These experiences and the skills she has acquired through the years have driven her desire to support and empower parents in becoming confident advocates for their children.

CREDENTIALS:

Master's Degree in Special Education

Mass. Certification in Moderate Special Needs

Post-Bach Certification in Early Childhood Education

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Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics

Mass. OCCS Director License

Member of COPAA

Welcome Beth!!

