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ANNOUNCING EXPANDED SPACE, NEW SERVICES OFFERINGS

To all of our clients and professional contacts,

Kim Noll, Brea Romero, and Cheryl Ruyle are excited to announce an office expansion and the addition of new services in our shared office space. Just in time for summer, we're combining our current office with the office next door. In that new area, we have created a third office as well as a classroom. Kim Noll, Turning Points Educational Solutions, has moved into that third office space. The new classroom addition will allow us to host group events, such as parent education nights, as well as offer it for rent to professionals providing additional educational specialty services.

Through our three existing businesses, we have offered several specialized services since opening this past February. Those services have included; psycho-educational assessment, educational consultation, educational advocacy, executive functioning coaching, specialized language arts remediation, and study skills. Beginning June 1st, 2013, we will also be adding Speech/Language Pathology services, private college counseling, SAT/ACT test prep, and Spanish tutoring. Each current and new service provider/business owner is introduced in the next few pages along with a description of her specialty area and contact information.

We are very excited to offer you a more complete educational specialty setting for your family's needs. Feel free to give one of us a call if you would like to stop by to see our new space this summer. If you would like to offer additional services in our classroom, please contact Kim Noll for information about classroom rental.

If your student needs school services/accommodations, an individualized learning plan, specialized academic intervention, language and communication services, and/or subject area tutoring to remediate skills and prepare for the 2014-15 school year, now is the time to sign up for summer assessment and intervention. Make sure that your student gains the skills necessary to be prepared for fall classes and ready to manage their workload for the upcoming school year.

MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER WITH THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:



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Kim Noll, M.S., Ed.S., is a Licensed Educational Psychologist and owner of Turning Points Educational Solutions. Kim has over 16 years experience as an Educational/School Psychologist working in both the schools and private practice. Kim works with students of all ages, preschool through the collegiate/graduate school level. She provides the following services:

Psycho-educational assessment

Assessment will identify individual learning strengths and challenges so that interventions can be tailored to support the specialized needs of each student. A private evaluation will identify even mild areas of weakness and the reasons for those weaknesses. As a part of each evaluation, an individualized plan is created to remediate and/or accommodate any areas of need. If your student has difficulty with academics, learning, memory, attention, time management, organization, study skills, or test performance, an assessment would likely be beneficial. Re-evaluations can also be completed to ensure that school services and test accommodations continue uninterrupted for your student.

Educational consultation

Educational consultation can help to answer additional questions you have regarding previous evaluations, interventions, school services, and school placements. Consultation might include a review of records, student and/or placement observations, interviews, etc.

Educational advocacy

Educational advocacy can include written letters, phone calls, and meeting attendance. Advocacy will be provided through cooperative communication with service providers to help students access needed remediation and accommodations through schools/agencies.



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Brea Romero, M.A., is an Educational Specialist and owner of Links Through Learning. Brea specializes in academic remediation for older students, grades 6 and up. She provides the following services:

Specialized reading and writing intervention

Specialized academic intervention is offered in the areas of reading fluency and comprehension, writing, self-advocacy, and independent learning for students with learning differences and/or weaknesses in focus, attention, and organization.

Test preparation for student with learning differences

It's that time of year again—time to start prepping for ACT and SAT exams. Brea now offers comprehensive test preparation for students with learning differences.

Coaching in executive functioning

Executive Functioning—skills like setting goals/planning, time management, and organization—is fundamental for learning success at secondary and collegiate levels. Make sure your student is fully prepared. Brea Romero, Links Through Learning, specializes in coaching for all students grades six and up, including students with Asperger's Syndrome or NLD.



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Cheryl Ruyle, M.A., AET, is an Educational Therapist and owner of her own private practice. Cheryl specializes in academic remediation for students of various ages. She works with students who have reading and language-based learning differences, difficulties with attention and focus, and general learning differences. She offers the following services:

Specialized reading intervention

Specialized reading intervention is offered via using the Wilson Reading Method, a multisensory approach based off of Orton-Gillingham principles. This works to remediate reading decoding, fluency, comprehension, and spelling for students grades two and up. This program is structured for students with dyslexia and other reading difficulties.

Specialized writing intervention

Specialized writing remediation is offered for students in grades four and up. Students learn to master the paragraph and essay through multisensory instruction and research-based methods.

Note taking instruction

Learn the underlying principals of successful note taking; main idea identification, paraphrasing, summarization, and outlining. Students, grades six and up, will learn how to break down expository text and generate purposeful notes for academic success.

New services being offered include:

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Michelle Connelly, M.A., is a Speech Language Pathologist and owner of Michelle Connelly, Speech Language Pathologist. Michelle has over 18 years experience working with students who have a variety of communication difficulties, specializing in the treatment of preschool through elementary age children. She provides evaluation and treatment in the following areas:

Speech and fluency assessment and intervention related to:

Pediatric Articulation Disorders
 Phonological Processing Disorders
 Dyspraxia of Speech
 Phonemic Awareness
 Fluency Disorders (Stuttering)

Language assessment and intervention with respect to:

Expressive Language Delays
 Grammar
 Syntax
 Organizing Spoken Information
 Receptive Language Delays/Language Processing Disorders

Autism Spectrum assessment and intervention regarding:

Pragmatic Language
 Social Skills Training (Including Michelle Winner's Social Thinking Curriculum)

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Maureen Casey, MA, is a college admissions counselor and educational concierge. She is the owner of Casey Educational Concierge, services for families with students in middle school through the first two years of college. Maureen is an instructor in the College Admissions Certificate program at UC Berkeley Extension, and is the former Director of Counseling and Advanced Placement Coordinator at Bellarmine College Preparatory. She has also worked for Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth. She provides the following services:

College Essay Writing Workshop

The College Essay is a key piece of the college application. Students entering the senior year of high school will find the college application process less stressful if they spend time now learning how to produce an effective essay. Find out what colleges are looking for in the essay, how to write concisely, how to present yourself well in the essay. Maureen will present College Essay Writing workshops this summer for rising seniors in high school. In each two-hour workshop, students will examine the UC Application essay topics, Common Application essay topics, and examples of supplementary essays required by some colleges using the Common Application. Each senior will have a list of ideas for essays and a draft of an essay when they leave the workshop. Get started on those college admissions essays during the summer so that the application season next fall is less stressful for high school seniors and their families!

Consultation for finding the right school--high school or college

Assistance in navigating schools, monitoring grades and homework, planning/selection of courses, what to do for the summer, remediating poor grades, transfers, school visits/tours, application process, communication with schools, seeking services

Going off to college

Planning the move, what to bring, accessing campus services, housing/move in or out, assistance with transportation, accompanying students in travel, planning courses, budgeting time and money, staying in touch, emergency assistance

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Jennifer Hutton, B.A., is a Spanish teacher and owner of Jennifer Hutton, Spanish Tutoring. Jennifer has 10 years of teaching experience mainly in Spanish. She has instructed levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors at Lynbrook High School in San Jose, where she has been for the past seven years. She also has experience working as a Resource Specialist with students with IEPs and 504 plans. She works with students grades six and up and provides:

Spanish tutoring

Spanish tutoring can include homework support, test preparation, strategies to learn new vocabulary, instruction of grammar rules and concepts, support in literary understanding and translation, refresher for students who have taken a break in Spanish courses, and preparation for higher levels of Spanish.
