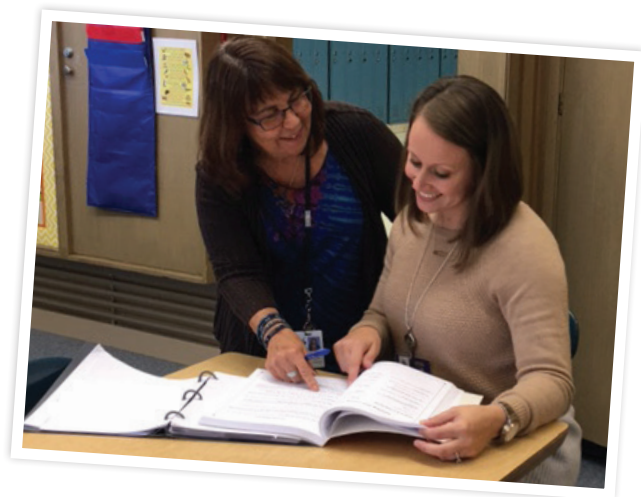




## Training & Consultation for School Districts



The Watson Institute has been providing educational services and supports for children with special needs for over 100 years. An essential component of Watson's model is to provide other educators with the tools to support their work in the classroom. Watson's strength lies not only in our special education of students with special needs, but in our ability to translate that programming into school district specific training and consultation for their educational professionals.

Watson partners with school districts across the tri-state region to ensure that they have the skills to better educate students with learning and behavioral challenges in their classrooms. Through services tailored to meet the needs of each school or district, Watson's team of experts supports educators through training and consultation to increase their comfort level with students with learning and behavioral challenges.

Learn more about the  
Watson Institute's Training &  
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### SAMPLE SERVICES:

#### Student-Focused Consultation

- Observation of students with educational or behavioral challenges within a variety of settings to offer solutions to the educational team
- Assist with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and Positive Behavior Support Plans
- Participation in and consultation during IEP or Educational Team meetings
- Crisis intervention consultation

#### Classroom-Focused Consultation

- Classroom observations that provide recommendations to educators with students in a variety of settings
- Provide and teach:
  - Development and effective use of the classroom environment
  - Effective instructional strategies
  - Positive behavior guidance
  - Promotion of social interaction and social skills training
  - Effective strategies for communication
  - Strategies for monitoring IEP goals and objectives
  - Effective teaming strategies
- Conduct on-site small group social skills trainings and provide needed resources
- Recommendations for successful transitions for students from early intervention to school-age programs
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Intensive Teaching Practices

#### District-Focused Consultation

- Extensive in-service training and workshops for special educators and paraprofessionals as well as school faculty district-wide, with topics including:
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Positive Behavior Support
  - Adapting Curriculum
  - Sensory Integration Disorder
  - Social Skills Development
  - TEACCH\*, providing resources and instructing educators in the practice of teaching children with autism
- Custom designed professional training based on the unique needs of the school district.

#### Transition Services Consultation

- Direct support for community-based instruction and other transition-related activities
- Support recommendations for districts with students transitioning to post-secondary settings

*"Our consultant has been a priceless asset to our team. I have grown so much professionally by working with her. The materials she provided were excellent."*

-School district representative