

Amy Eisner of New Beginnings has been instrumental in helping my son to receive the assistance he needed when our school system was reluctant to grant it. She worked very diligently and tirelessly on my son's behalf, carefully reviewing his school records and speaking personally and at length with both my son and with myself in order to accurately assess his strengths, his issues, and his needs. She attended multiple PPT meetings right alongside my son and me. Her wealth of knowledge and experience make the PPT meetings more productive and efficient.

While my son has clearly had learning issues throughout his life, the school system had never afforded him special needs status. It wasn't until he reached the high school level that I realized how critical that designation would be to his education. I didn't fully understand my child's rights and felt bullied by the school when I tried to advocate for him by myself. I'll never forget the feeling of relief when Amy plunked down her big, fat law book, full of bookmarks and sticky notes pertaining to the case, right in front of the administrators and began referring to the state statutes to make our case. I thought I would cry with relief.

Thanks to Amy, my son is now in an appropriate program where he is thriving. Without her, he never stood a chance of ever graduating from high school. Now he's in a place where he enjoys school, is motivated to attend, and feels supported and like he "fits in". I never could have done it without her.

Lastly, and certainly no less important, I want to mention Amy's emotional support to our family during such a stressful time. Not only is Amy professional and dedicated to the clients she supports, she is also a wonderful, caring and compassionate individual. Our children are the future. Amy is continuously making the future a brighter place... one child at a time.

Pat, Storrs CT mom March 28, 2012