## Special Education Experts

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The Special Education Expert advocates assist parents in determining if their children should be receiving special education services and then making sure each child receives the services they need. In many cases, they have helped parents to recover tuition costs for private school and residential placements. They represent clients at IEPs, SSTs, Due Processes Hearings, and Mediations as well as to Regional Centers, SSI, and state Mental Health, Disability & Insurance Agencies used to benefit students. They are able to help students and parents in all fifty states.

Two independent education advocates operate Special-Education-Answers.com: Tim Runner and Jillian Bonnington. These experienced advocates work independently, but cooperate on some of their cases, especially when involved in Due Process. Both advocates offer new prospective clients a free 30-minute telephone consultation.

You determine the level of service you need and they will provide it. Some of the services they provide on an hourly basis include: answering your e-mailed questions, providing telephone consultations, attending telephonically IEP and other meetings with your child's educators, attend in person IEP's and other meetings with your child's educators, perform a case review of your child's records and medical history, and file Due Process and represent your child at this hearing. They offer a special "Case Review" for a fixed fee to determine what course of action you should take given your child's school, therapeutic, and medical records. Upon completion of this review, they will present you with their recommended course of action including an alternative plan for you to follow.

The special education services available to eligible children are numerous. The Special Education Experts assist parents in finding what these services are and how to access them.

*[This information came from the Special-Education-Answers.com website]*

## Sober Escorts, Inc.

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Sober Escorts, Inc. is an escort service designed to assist individuals who are traveling to or returning from a treatment facility by providing a sober companion for the trip. Sober Escorts is not a transport service, but rather a companionship to assist and support the patient during their journey.

Director of Sober Escorts is Rick Parrish. All escorts undergo a background check before accompanying clients and all escorts are individually licensed and bonded.

After an individual has been released from a treatment program, the initial phase of re-entry into "normal" life can be very challenging after the structured, supportive environment of a treatment facility. Sober Escorts provides a companion who assists during this phase by meeting the individual at the time of discharge, making the trip back to their home with them, attending an AA or NA meeting with them in the first 24 hours of returning home, helping make the client's home a conducive sober environment, and providing additional support and encouragement. The escort can stay with the client as long as needed. Sober Escorts also offers to-treatment escorts to accompany clients on the way to a treatment program, as well as escorts for social events such as weddings or business trips where a client may potentially face a stressful or pressured environment.

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# Seen N heard...

**Glenn Singer, MEd** is the new Assistant Dean of Admissions at the **Family Foundation School**. Glenn comes to FFS with more than 15 years of administrative and admissions experience serving small, independent schools.

**Shadow Mountain Recovery** continues to expand the educational offerings for our residents. They now offer both high school and college credits.

**Pacific Quest** is proud to announce that **Dr. Shelly Ham** has joined the staff as the new psychiatrist. Dr. Ham visits students in the field, and oversees all Adolescent and Young Adult students enrolled at Pacific Quest. Dr. Ham works closely with our Clinical and Wellness staff to evaluate the psychiatric needs and ensure safe and healthy treatment for our students.

**Linda Zimmerman,** Executive Director of **Sandhill Child Development Center** in Los Lunas, New Mexico is pleased to announce that **Dale Parker, M.A.** has joined the Sandhill team as Deputy Executive Director. Dale brings over 16 years of clinical and executive management experience to his position. Prior to coming to Sandhill, Dale was the Administrator of Rancho Valmora in New Mexico, and an Assistant Administrator at The High Frontier in Texas.

The **36th Annual Foundations Recovery Network Conference** is just around the corner. Moments of Change: Innovations in Integrated Treatment will combine some of the most popular topics Foundations has offered across the spectrum that encompasses integrated treatment. Te conference will be held at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL, October 8 - 11, 2012.

**Stone Mountain School** has announced that **Louis Shagawat, LCSW**, is the schools new Executive Director. Lou has more than 25 years of experience in behavioral healthcare, specifically working with children and adolescents. He

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