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A therapeutic educational consultant provides individuals and families with curated, well-matched therapeutic and academic options for emotional, behavioral, academic and/or relational issues. Consultants travel frequently to ensure they maintain a real-time, firsthand understanding of school and program components. All TCA consultants are independent, meaning they do not accept or receive referral fees or any compensation from programs or schools for recommending.

## WHO DO THEY SUPPORT?

TCA consultants support children, adolescents, young adults, and adults with a variety of social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs. Some consultants may specialize in working with a particular age group or symptom cluster. Consultants work with a wide range of complex challenges associated with mental health, substance abuse, and learning differences.

## WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS ARE THEY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT?

Specialty hospitals, addiction treatment centers and after-care, residential treatment centers, stabilization and assessment centers, nature-based programs, young adult transition programs, and therapeutic and traditional boarding schools.

## WHY HIRE A THERAPEUTIC EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT?

- **Identifies the Best Fit Programs and Schools:** It is important that you find the most ideal program or school and therapist. Without the guidance of a therapeutic educational consultant, you take a higher risk of going to a treatment facility or school that does not best meet your or your loved one's needs. This wastes time, emotional energy, and financial resources. A TCA consultant has the knowledge and expertise to pair clients with the right program, academic support, therapist, and peer milieu to increase the likelihood of optimal results.
- **Streamlines the Admission Process:** A TCA consultant will prequalify admission and provide direct contact with the program or school. Should your loved one need transportation, neuropsychological testing and/or intervention services, your TCA consultant will recommend professionals who can assist with these services.
- **Provides Continuity of Care:** A TCA consultant will generally remain part of the client's team, advocating for the client and providing ongoing support to family members. They also assist with discharge planning. In collaboration with the clinical recommendations from the program or school, they help identify "next steps," whether that be a transitional living programs, after-care to ensure sobriety, a boarding school, or outpatient providers.