



Embracing The Brain

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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter from Embracing The Brain!

First I want to say a big thank you for hanging in there with me as I changed business names, sought out additional professional development, and tended to my family's needs.

I am excited to share with you some behind-the-scenes action, and what's next. Each quarter you will receive a newsletter much like this one that will give you updates, tips, training opportunities, and how we can collaborate together. I am here to help **YOU**.

Around the Corner...



Gearing up for back to school

What it looks like this fall

If you have been watching the news, you may already be aware of the mass teacher shortages schools are facing this year, especially in special education. So what is a parent to do? This is the time we have the opportunity to look differently at what is being provided, check on its effectiveness, and become creative in seeking solutions. Adding more minutes to a support or service may not be the answer. Now is the time to ask, "What can we do differently?"

If you have a child with an IEP, 504, or need one for your child, here are a few things you can do:

- Communicate with kindness to the IEP team
It's easy to go "mama bear" on schools when we feel like things are not going well for our child. But kindness matters.
- Recognize and validate the teacher's position.
With the mass exodus of teachers in public schools, those still in the field are stretched to their limits and doing the best they can with what they have been given.

If you need help with your child's IEP, let me know. Reach out at Shannon@EmbracingTheBrain.com to schedule a free 20 minute collaboration call.

Latest News...

Master IEP Coach Corner

One for the books

In July I was one happy mom to have a weekend away for the first time in a very long time. I went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a Master IEP Coach® VIP weekend. We spent time collaborating and learning more about IEPs and creative solutions to help individuals with disabilities in special education.

I had my first ever cheese curd, which I highly recommend, went on a harbor dinner cruise, and made some amazing new lifelong friends.

As a Master IEP Coach®, I am committed to helping students receive the supports and services they need to access their education. My goal is to empower parents with knowledge, collaboration, and creativity. I will continue to learn and grow so I can help you better.



Coming Up...

FASD Awareness Month

September is FASD Awareness Month

The History Behind FASD Awareness Month and What's Happening at Embracing The Brain

Do you know how FASD Awareness Month came about?

The first awareness day was celebrated on 9/9/99. This day was chosen so that on the ninth day of the ninth month (representing the 9 months of pregnancy) of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy, the safest option is to abstain from alcohol. In 2016, FASD Day was expanded to make September FASD Awareness Month.

On September 9th I will be wearing my red shoes to bring more awareness. Will you join me?

Why are we rocking our Red Shoes Shannon? A little history for you: The Red Shoes Rock movement was started in 2013 by RJ Formanek, an educator, and advocate living with FASD. He decided to wear red shoes to stand out, be noticed, and have fun starting conversations about FASD.

All month long I will be sharing on social media, blog posts, schools, business, and conferences about FASD. Be sure you are following me on Instagram at www.instagram.com/shannon.iacobacci for facts and help on living with FASD.

In The Spotlight...

Special Guest Opportunity



On August 1st, Justice For Orphans and I shared all things back to school, homeschool, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder on The Adoption and Foster Care Journey podcast. I was honored to be asked to share on this podcast for the second time. Sandra Flach, the host, was a joy to talk with again. This episode can be accessed on Podbean on The Adoption & Foster Care Journey, episode # 336. Check it out and let me know what you think.

Coming up in October I will be a guest on The Homeschool Collaborative with Natalie Vecchione, and I cannot wait to unpack some of the things I have learned in homeschooling my neurodiverse gifted children. Hint: It is **nothing** like I thought it would be.

Coming Up...



Upcoming Trainings

This fall is gearing up to be full of learning opportunities for all things IEP and FASD. I am excited to bring you practical tips and tools to help you in your day-to-day living.

Watch your inbox for release dates of self-paced, online training, live webinars, and in-person training options.

Some of the topics you can look forward to are listed here. >>>

- FASD Overview -What you need to know
- HELP! My child's behaving badly- The connection between brain function and behaviors (FASCETS Neurobehavioral Model)
- FASD/Neurodiversity in the workplace
- FASD at School - What you need to know
- Understanding the IEP Process/How to be prepared
- Creating Collaboration at the IEP table