

## Letters from Parents and Teachers □

### Home Schooling Parents

When our son started the program 14 months ago, it was like pulling teeth to get him to read anything. He now loves to read, in large part due to the improvement in his reading skills that are the result of the ESNS program. His speed, accuracy, and comprehension have improved dramatically.

### Private Christian School Parents

This program has absolutely been a *Godsend* for our son. You can actually read his writing now! He can take notes that make sense in his classes. His grades began to improve almost immediately, and he continues to do very well.

### Elementary School Teacher

This past year, two of my students were involved in the ESNS Educational Therapy program. I watched them make progress in so many areas! Their comprehension and thinking skills improved, as well as their organizational skills. The most exciting thing was seeing them make a connection between what they did in therapy, and what we were doing in the classroom. What a positive effect it had on their learning as they realized, "Hey, I can do this!" From a teacher's point of view, this program works!

### Dave Rhodes, Regional Director of ACSI\*

"I highly recommend Educational Special Needs Services to any school or parent who desires to meet the educational needs of those children whose needs cannot be fully met in a traditional classroom."

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ESNS offers a variety of services aimed at meeting the needs of students who, for a variety of reasons, have difficulty functioning successfully in a traditional setting.

## Academic Services

### Diagnostic Testing

Evaluation of educational strengths and weaknesses, with specific recommendations for a course of action.

### Educational Therapy

A long-term program aimed at generating new strategies for independent learning.

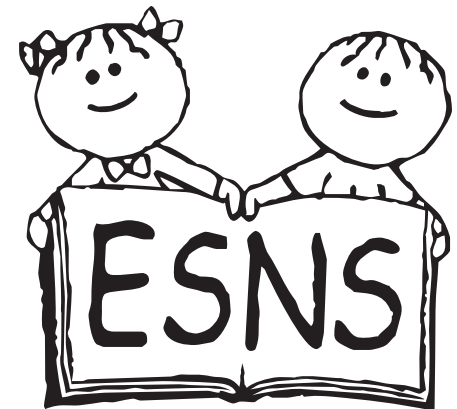
### Tutoring

Support for the regular classroom content on a short-term, as-needed basis.

### Extended Services

Education, support, and program development and implementation for families and students with special needs.

## Educational Special Needs Services



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# An Overview of Educational Special Needs Services

	<b>Diagnostic Testing</b>	<b>Educational Therapy</b>	<b>Academic Tutoring</b>	<b>Extended Services</b>
<b>Focus</b>	...helps determine a child's learning potential and areas of challenge, and is used as a basis to recommend courses of action to meet identified needs.	...uses a series of techniques designed to stimulate deficit areas in perception and thinking. Skill acquisition and "how to learn" are emphasized, with the ultimate goal of producing an independent learner. Students meet with the therapist twice a week and work with parents at home on specialized reinforcement exercises.	...is a one-to-one service available to those students who need additional help with work generated in the regular classroom setting. By special arrangement, may be done in a small group setting.	...educates and supports families and students with special needs by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gathering and preparing information for professional consultation</li> <li>• acting as a liaison and advocate for families within the professional community</li> <li>• developing &amp; maintaining behavior management and organizational plans for school and home.</li> </ul>
<b>Who will benefit?</b>	Students who seem to exhibit one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• academic delay</li> <li>• uneven pattern of ability</li> <li>• achievement inconsistent with ability</li> </ul>	Students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• need to have deficit areas of the intellect retrained rather than learn compensation techniques</li> <li>• have been identified through diagnostic testing as those who will benefit from this approach.</li> </ul>	Students who need extra assistance with ongoing school work, homework, or intensive one-on-one teaching in a specific area of need.	Students who have special needs where collaboration is required between parents, educators, and other professionals.
<b>ESNS Personnel</b>	Trained Diagnostician	Certified Educational Therapist	Certified educator, uncertified personnel, or trained volunteer	Health professional with pediatric background or specialty
<b>Duration</b>	Determined by the number of tests needed - ranges from one to five hours	Commitment to 3-plus years of bi-weekly sessions that coincide with the school year	One to two hours per week for a predetermined length of time before reassessment	As determined by individual and family need