



## **EMPOWERING INDEPENDENCE:** Supporting Students with Executive Function Challenges

**SPEAKER: SARAH WARD, M.S., CCC-SLP**

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERED:**

- 1. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE** 1.5 clock hours for the day. Attendance will be confirmed via Zoom log in/logout.

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- 10 minutes Welcome and course overview, Importance of executive function skills in education, Defining the balance between helping and enabling
- 25 minutes Unpacking Executive Function Skills
- 45 minutes Implementing Practical Tools
- 10 minutes Wrap up and Q & A



#### **SARAH WARD, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP has over 25 years of experience in the treatment of executive dysfunction. Sarah is an internationally recognized expert on executive function and presents seminars on the programs and strategies she has developed with her Co-Director Kristen Jacobsen. Their 360 Thinking Executive Function Program received the Innovative Promising Practices Award from the National Organization CHADD. She has presented to over 1800 public and private schools and organizations worldwide. In recognition of their global influence in the field of twice-exceptional learning, Sarah and Kristen Jacobsen were the honored recipients of the Nancy Tarshis Legacy Fellowship Award. Further solidifying their status as eminent figures in their field, Sarah and Kristen were named one of the Top 10 Professional Development Providers for 2023 by Education Technology Insights Magazine.

*Disclosure: Sarah Ward's company Cognitive Connections produces and sells products on her website, which are tools, that support students in developing an internal sense of time. Some of these materials will be referenced in the presentation. Many of these materials can also be purchased at local stores. The website also sells treatment programs and games to develop independent executive function skills. In addition, the website offers many free resources and references. Sarah Ward receives a speaker's fee for presentations. There are no non-financial relationship to disclose.*