



EMPOWERING INDEPENDENCE

Supporting Students with Executive Function Challenges
A Practical Strategies Seminar for Paraprofessionals Strategies

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERED:

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

COURSE OUTLINE

15 minutes: Welcome and course overview, Importance of executive function skills in education, Defining the balance between helping and enabling

35 minutes: Unpacking Executive Function Skills

60 minutes: Implementing Practical Tools

5 minutes: Wrap up



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Sarah Ward has over 25 years of experience in diagnostic evaluations, treatment and case management of children, adolescents and adults with language learning disabilities, nonverbal learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, executive dysfunction, Asperger's disorders and social pragmatics. Her particular specialty is in the assessment and treatment of executive function deficits. Ms. Ward holds a faculty appointment at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions where she provides instruction to graduate level students in the assessment and treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injury and other cognitive communication disorders. A popular speaker, Sarah regularly presents nationally and internationally on the topic of executive functions to a variety of professional and parent organizations, school and lay groups. She has presented to and consulted with over 450 public and private schools in Massachusetts and across the United States. Awards received include the MGH Expertise in Clinical Practice Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Faculty in Excellence Award from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions (2002, 2011).

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.