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## Experience that counts

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Ms. Simon founded the family resource center at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and the Family Advocacy Network Support System (FANSS) in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Simon frequently visits schools and programs across the country, and attends multiple educational conferences addressing therapeutic and educational issues. Ms. Simon follows the Principles of Good Practice set forth by the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) and holds memberships in the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, Small Boarding Schools Association and a variety of specialty organizations.



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Change starts  
with the first step

**Comprehensive Educational and  
Therapeutic Placement and  
Referral Service**

## Guiding every step of the way

Recognizing when there is a problem and making the choice to intervene on behalf of a person you love takes great courage and strength. Educational Options offers a systematic, proven placement process and effective support services that make a difference.

Marla Simon partners with you to help create options, programs and opportunities that will make a difference in the life of your loved one. Over the years, Marla has observed first hand how children can move forward and families can heal.

The knowledgeable parent is the child's best advocate.

## Finding the best solution

Selecting a proper school best fitting the educational, emotional, social, athletic and artistic abilities of your child is the key to success.

Why is my son making poor choices?

## Step by step: Parent education and support groups

Educational Options has a systematic, proven placement process and effective support services to make a difference.

- Interviews with family to consider academic, behavioral, social, geographical and financial concerns
- Review of current educational reports, medical and psychological evaluations
- Referrals to local therapists, coaches, mentors, tutors, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, special education advocates/attorneys, support groups and more
- Extensive research and recommendations
- Case management and follow through
- Guidance and recommendation for special transportation or financial assistance
- Transitional planning services
- Parent support groups and educational programs

Educational Options does not accept or solicit fees from institutions for referral or placement.

## Signs of a child in trouble

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| > Learning Differences                          | > Sleeping or eating problems            |
| > Attention Deficit Disorders                   | > Rationalizing/blaming others           |
| > Erratic mood swings/ depression               | > Family discord                         |
| > Social problems, negative social group        | > Trouble with the law                   |
| > Substance abuse or dependence                 | > Manipulation, defiance, volatile anger |
| > Perfectionism, inflexibility, low self esteem | > Developmental Disabilities             |

Does my daughter have a future?



Get your family back

## Taking Action

The biggest struggle comes with the question of WHEN to make the choice to send a child away to a program or specialty school. Sometimes the answer is more clear than you want to acknowledge:

- Things are NOT getting better
- School issues are out of control
- Problems involve the law
- Counseling has not made a difference
- Your child's behavior is affecting your marriage or your other children

Is my son using drugs?

## Placement Options

Local Schools – day and boarding  
Boarding Schools – typical or gifted students  
Specialty Boarding Schools  
Outdoor Educational/Therapeutic Programs  
Residential Treatment Centers  
Addiction and Recovery Programs  
Emotional Growth/Therapeutic Schools  
Acute Care Hospitalization Programs  
Independent Living Programs (age 18+)  
Young Adult Transitional Programs (age 18+)



Is your child suffering?