

PEP ASSIST

Empowering Staff. Achieving Results.

The in-depth knowledge of the PEP Assist staff that is grounded in evidenced-based practices helps districts approach the needs of a student from a refreshed and improved perspective. Equally important, they are professional, respectful and good listeners—all this leads to effective problem solving.

—Bobbe Miller, Educational Consultant,
Squires, Sanders & Dempsey LLP

We are seeing more and more students in our district diagnosed with autism who demonstrate very challenging behaviors. However, we are committed to serving these children from our community in our community. PEP Assist helps us do just that. They come in as consultants, but they work with us as a full member of the team. They are professional, innovative and accessible. Most importantly, our teachers feel that PEP Assist consultants are there to help, not to judge.

—Chris Wnoroski, Autism Consultant,
Akron City Schools

PEP Assist is a consulting and training service provided to schools and programs designed to teach best practices for working with at-risk and special needs children. Services are individually tailored to meet the unique needs of each district.

Working in collaboration with schools, PEP Assist staff develops innovative programs and staff development opportunities so that children with severe and challenging behaviors may be served successfully in their school of residence.

PEP Assist consultants have extensive training and expertise in working with at-risk children and youth identified with diagnoses including: seriously emotionally disturbed, autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, cognitively delayed, and multi-disabled.

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SERVICES

Individualized Student Consultation. PEP Assist will observe a student and provide a functional behavior assessment. This assessment is translated into recommendations and incorporated into a behavior intervention plan that includes how positive behavior supports can be developed to maintain the child in the least restrictive environment possible. To support plan implementation, PEP Assist professionals are available to work directly with the teacher, student, and parents.

Classroom Consultation. PEP Assist will provide consultation on basic classroom setup, classroom management techniques, behavior management techniques, data collection techniques, and modeling of suggested interventions.

Communication Assistance. PEP Assist is able to provide assistance in building bridges between parents and school personnel or between individual staff members, enabling parties to work together to provide effective solutions for students.

Staff Training and Resources. PEP Assist can provide resources and materials to help your staff discover innovative solutions for challenging situations. PEP Assist can train staff on special education law and assist with the transition of students returning from out of district placement.

Workshops, Trainings and Conferences. PEP Assist consultants and trainers, with wide-ranging expertise in working with troubled students, are available to design workshops and on-site trainings to suit the specific needs of each environment.

PEP Assist has been part of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District for the last eight years. During this time, PEP Assist has provided ongoing consultation and collaboration to support our students, teachers, and families. We appreciate the relationship that we have developed with PEP Assist and the expertise that they have provided to our school district.

*— Kimberly Monachino, Director of Pupil Services,
South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools*



COMPETENCIES

Expertise. For over four decades Positive Education Program (PEP) has been an exemplary leader in providing quality education and mental health services for troubled and troubling children and youth. Both locally and nationally PEP has been recognized for its excellence in programming. Because they are PEP employees, PEP Assist consultants have access to the experience and expertise of various roles and occupations of the over 500 PEP staff members.

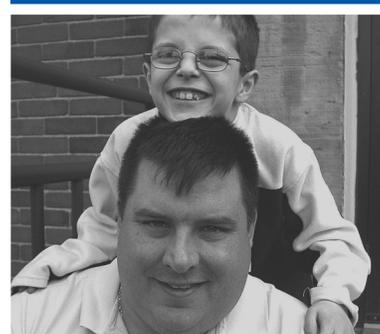
Experience. All PEP Assist consultants once served as classroom teachers, working directly with special needs children. They are able to speak with frontline experience and provide creative, realistic solutions that show tangible results. Our consultants are compassionate, professional, and always maintain the well-being of the child's growth as their top priority.

Team-Based Approach. PEP Assist is skilled at working with the entire team of adults involved in a child's life. They provide solutions for the child during the school day and instruction that may be transferred to the home and community.

Staff Augmentation. PEP Assist may be brought into districts to augment classroom staff when challenges present themselves. Our consultants are trained professionals, able to insert themselves into any situation and work collaboratively with classroom and administrative staff. PEP Assist consultants may serve as a cost-effective alternative to hiring short- or long-term classroom staff when unforeseen circumstances arise.

The Brunswick City Schools has benefitted from the expertise of PEP Assist for many years. Our PEP Assist Consultant has the credibility of an outside consultant, while being a familiar member of our in-district teams. District staff are empowered by the strategies our consultant shares for dealing with difficult student behaviors.

*— Gale A. Harr, Ph.D., Director of Student Services
& Special Education, Brunswick City School*



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