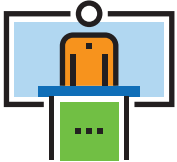




## EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING

Partnering with school districts and other organizations to provide high quality educational consulting, meeting the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our team of experts are highly skilled in creating and delivering high-quality professional development, using research-based practices, tailored to meet the needs of our customers. Some of our most requested topics include Evaluating Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners, The Impact of Culture on Student Achievement, Best Practices in Interpreting for Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) Meetings, and Determining Language Dominance and Proficiency. We also develop and offer parent training sessions in Spanish and English as requested.



### COACHING/MENTORING OF ADMINISTRATORS AND EVALUATORS

We provide leadership coaching and mentoring support for administrators and evaluation staff on specific technicalities related to special education, as well as mentoring of new administrators and evaluators.



### COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND SUPPORT

Compliance Monitoring ensures compliance with state and federal laws and regulations related to areas such as special education, Bilingual/ESL, and Section 504. This system can be used to monitor any process that requires adherence to a set of standards, a review process, and corrective action planning. At the request of our clients, we also provide on-site support and coaching.



### PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Our experienced team has extensive knowledge of diverse learners and is well trained in conducting culturally responsive evaluations focused on differentiating between cultural/ language differences and disabilities. We specialize in bilingual, Spanish/ English special education evaluations, as well as dyslexia evaluations.



### INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Teaching and Learning Connections can conduct Independent Educational Evaluations in cases where parents wish a second opinion about a student's identified disorder, educational needs, or IEP recommendations.



Teaching and Learning Connections is owned and operated by Dr. Cristina Rodríguez Chen, a passionate bilingual educator with over 22 years of leadership experience in public school education and advocating for the needs of individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds and exceptional learning differences.

## MEET DR. RODRÍGUEZ CHEN

Dr. Rodríguez Chen received her Ph.D. from the University of North Texas. Her areas of concentration were in Mild/Moderate Disabilities and Educational Leadership. Her dissertation topic focused on Culturally Competent Evaluations for Special Education. She has served as a special education administrator, a special education coordinator, and most recently as a district director of Special Programs.

Dr. Rodríguez Chen is an expert in best practices for evaluating students for disabilities. She is a published author. She has presented at state and national conferences on varied topics related to students with disabilities and cultural diversity. Most recently, she was a keynote speaker for the Texas Educational Association (TEDA) Conference. She is certified as a Texas Registered Professional Educational Diagnostician (RPED) and as a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician (NCED).



Dr. Rodríguez Chen serves as an adjunct professor for the College of Education's Educational Leadership department at the University of North Texas in Denton. She also designs Masters level coursework and teaches for Dallas Baptist University's College of Education Special Education Department. She was recently a proud recipient of the Legacy Wall Honor Award from her primary school alma mater, Thomas A. Edison Elementary in Tampa, Florida.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Superintendent of Schools
- Principal
- Special Education K-12
- Classroom Teacher Generalist EC-4
- Classroom Bilingual Generalist EC-4
- Classroom Educational Diagnostician PK-12
- Generic Special Education PK-12
- 30 Hour Training for Gifted and Talented

## ABOUT US

Teaching and Learning Connections' consulting practice centers around high-impact methodologies. High-impact consulting is based on the premise that the consulting process is a collaboration between the consultant and client, discovering and mobilizing readiness for action to improve performance and to achieve desired outcomes. We pride ourselves on offering a results-oriented framework. Client success is carefully considered and is included as part of all projects.

High-impact consulting focuses on near-term sub-projects that both parties are reasonably confident can be achieved. Teaching and Learning Connections assists client staff with training needed to implement the suggested recommendations. We assist our clients not in only tapping into their knowledge but in developing new skills too.