



Gifted Development Center a service of *The Institute for the Study of Advanced Development*

New Services for Parents

We are aware of your needs as well as your children's. Focusing on your children's giftedness cannot help but raise questions about your own abilities. You've heard that when one of your children is gifted, the chances are great that your entire family is gifted—even those who do not seem to be demonstrating their abilities. What does this mean for you?

Were you recognized as gifted as a child? If so, were your gifts developed? If not, do you have abilities that remain untapped? What does giftedness look like in mothers and fathers? In the work force? How has it shaped your perceptions? Your relationships? Do you feel self-actualized? We can help you fulfill your own promise.

Having a child tested also brings up questions of advocacy. Have you been effective in your efforts, thus far, to advocate for your student at school? Do you feel comfortable doing so? Are you knowledgeable about the educational needs of gifted children, options available at school, and what is reasonable to request of teachers? When you return home with test scores in hand, do you know how to use them?

While your children are being assessed, we can offer you support in such areas as:

- Discovering your own abilities
- Helping you develop your potential
- Assisting you with advocating for your child
- Exploring issues related to parenting gifted children

These sessions may be continued by phone, or via Skype video conference, after the assessment. Our Journal, *Advanced Development*, is available to help you learn more about yourself and others you care about. The award-winning *Academic Advocacy for Gifted Children: A Parent's Complete Guide* can serve as a starter course for advocacy before you arrive, followed by consultation about specifics while you are here. These sessions include a copy of *Academic Advocacy* or *Advanced Development* and related articles.

Testing raises as many questions as it answers, and many parents leave the post-test conference overwhelmed with all the information. We can help you sort it all out after the assessment with ongoing phone consultations. Please call on us whenever you need support for yourself, as well as for your children. Call 1-888-443-8331 to schedule.

