

SARAH FISH Academic Intervention Specialist / Educational Consultant

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Sarah is an academic intervention specialist and educational consultant providing Orton-Gillingham based tutoring for nearly two decades. When Sarah completed her undergraduate education in K-12 special education and elementary education with a minor in early childhood education, she found herself driven to know more about the neurology of the learning brain. She immediately began graduate courses in structured literacy (Orton-Gillingham based Slingerland) in which multi-sensory, cognitively stimulating lessons and the neurology of the brain became the backbone of her instruction. Since graduation Sarah taught at a private school for children with learning disabilities (dyslexia/dysgraphia/dyscalculia) and has been in private practice. She is now owner, academic intervention specialist, and educational consultant at Pinnacle Education Services with two offices in Washington state and offering remote lessons online. She also spent time educating other service providers through work with the Washington Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, the Slingerland Institute for Literacy and Hamlin Robinson School. Sarah's extensive experience treating students of all ages who have learning disabilities, ADHD, and gifted/twice exceptional profiles has uniquely prepared her to meet the needs of her students. While firm behavior expectations are established, Sarah finds that using humor and compassion helps her win over her student's trust which then guides them into full participation. With her personal family history with learning disabilities, extensive training, experience, and thirst for knowledge, Sarah guides each student to their full academic potential and helps them to achieve the knowledge needed to advocate for their academic needs in any setting.

## **SPECIALTIES**

- Learning disabilities
- Language based learning differences (LBLD) dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, oral and written language disability
- Twice exceptional (gifted) students with an learning difference
- ADD/ADHD
- Autism spectrum

## **EDUCATION**

Seattle Pacific University, Graduate level Structured Literacy studies

Central Washington University, B.A. K-12 Special Education and Elementary Education

Central Washington University, Endorsement Early Childhood education

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- Slingerland training practicum
- Special Education practicum
- Elementary Education practicum
- Early Childhood internship

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Private Practice: Owner and Academic Intervention Specialist Pinnacle Education Services with offices Enumclaw and Issaquah, WA
- Board of Directors: Chair of the Professional Educators Conference Committee Washington Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, Seattle, WA
- Professional In-Service, Professional Development Consultant Hamlin Robinson School
- Structured Literacy Classroom Teacher Hamlin Robinson School Seattle, WA (Kindergarten, First grade, Second grade, and Middle School reading)