

## The School Solution

The School Solution provides consultation and placement services for families with a student who is struggling in his or her current academic environment. While a wide variety of schools and programs exist, finding the best environment to address your child's individual needs can be daunting. This work is our specialty. Possibilities include:



### Karen Mabie

Karen Mabie holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and special education from Vanderbilt University and Master's and Specialist degrees in Educational Psychology from National Louis University. She is a certified School Psychologist, experienced in evaluating and counseling students with learning, social, emotional and behavioral difficulties.

As a professional Educational Consultant Karen attends conferences of the Independent Educational Consultant Association, the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, and the Learning Disabilities Association. Each year she visits no fewer than 20 schools and programs, evaluating their curriculum, staff and clientele.

Karen has three children and has lived and worked on the North Shore of Chicago for most of her life.

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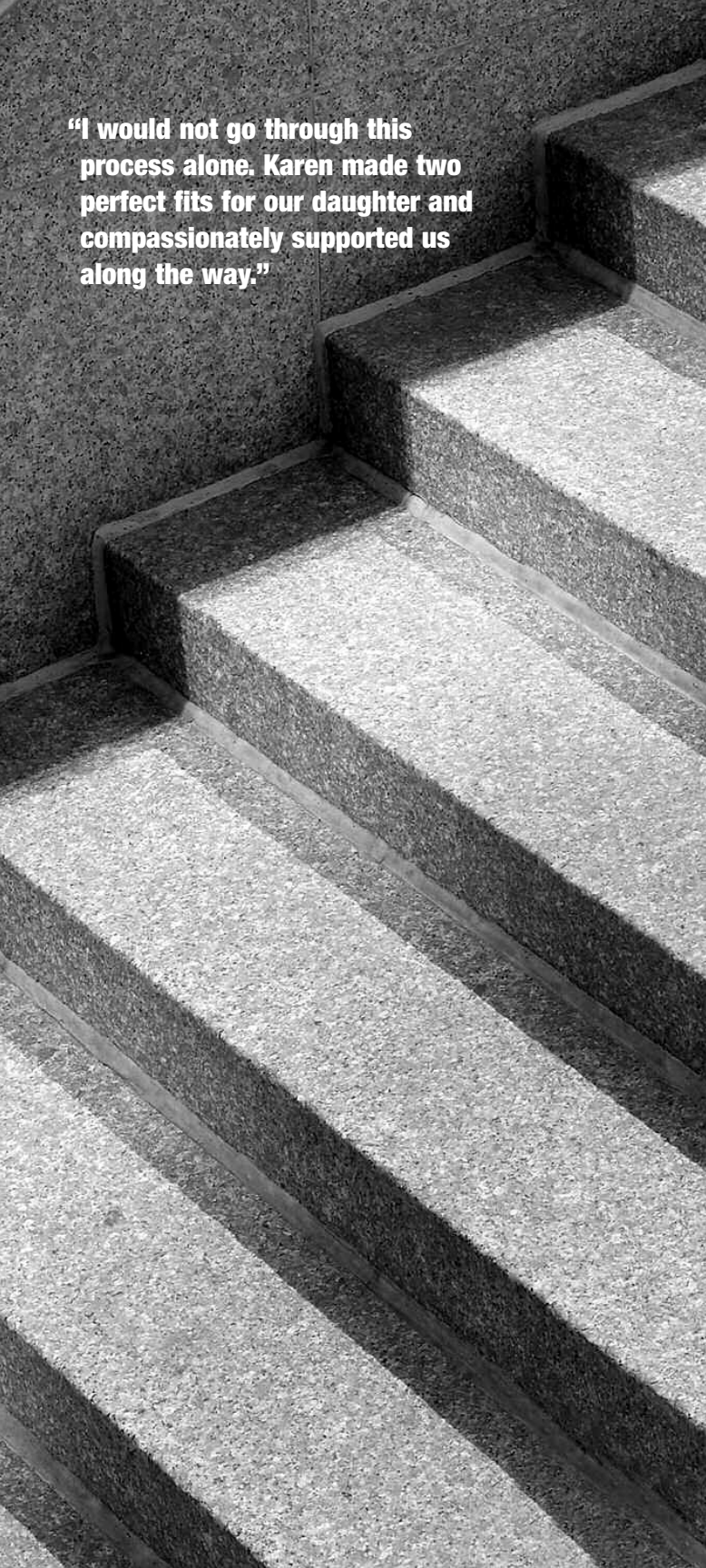


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**“I would not go through this process alone. Karen made two perfect fits for our daughter and compassionately supported us along the way.”**

**“I am so grateful to Karen for navigating us through the world of teen help.”**

## Steps to a Successful Placement

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### Step 1: The Introduction

Before we meet with you, we need to review all of your child’s educational and psychological records, including report cards and any school or independent evaluations. During our introductory meeting, we work with families to define and focus our search. We discuss your child’s physical, social and academic development. You and, if appropriate, your child will share your educational, social and emotional goals and expectations for the future. Finally, we outline an appropriate timeline for the placement process to suit your individual needs.

### Step 2: The Review

We perform a thorough review of all records, including interviewing teachers, therapists or other professionals who can assist us in understanding your child’s unique strengths and weaknesses. We then screen, identify and contact the schools and programs we feel will address your specific requirements.

### Step 3: The Match

After careful review, we match your child to the best schools or programs available to suit his or her particular issues. We then meet to discuss the suggested placements with you and provide all reasonable information necessary for you to make a well-informed decision.

After your child is placed, we maintain contact with the professionals at the school and monitor your child’s progress. If further placements are necessary, we will continue to work with your family and the professionals who know your child to advise you on the next appropriate step.

### Step 4: The Result

Many families report tremendous relief once their child is in an environment with the appropriate structure and support. Most importantly, parents describe a joy in watching their child begin to experience success. Eventually, everyone, including the student, is able to make plans for a healthy and productive future.

**“Karen’s help was a lifesaver... She found a school that seems to have been created especially for our child.”**

School Consultation Services LLC and Karen Mabie do not solicit or accept compensation from any school, program or agency. We are compensated solely by our client families. Fees are delineated in our contract and payable in two installments. The initial payment is due when the contract is signed; the second installment is due when specific program recommendations are given to the