

Hawaii Resources *for* School Success

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PARENT TESTIMONIAL – Student Assessment Program

“For years we have been struggling to understand how to work with our son. While he is academically strong with an analytical and logical mind, he struggles with other seemingly simple things. We couldn’t understand how a boy with such an amazing memory for complex details could not remember other mundane things even after numerous repetitions. The only thing we could figure out was that he just wasn’t trying hard enough, but that never really made sense to us. Reward systems failed, discipline systems failed, all because we weren’t able to piece together the commonalities among the situations, and not for lack of effort. For years his struggles have literally wreaked havoc with our family and we have sought all manner of professional assistance. Everyone has agreed that there are problems, but nobody has been able to sufficiently tease it apart and give us tangible, practical, detailed information or tools...until now.

After his assessment with Hawaii Resources for School Success, we now see common threads that run through his problem areas. We also now have tools to use to help strengthen his areas of challenge as well as ideas on how to encourage him to use his strengths to support those weaker areas. The demystification process was a true gift to our son and Judy’s meeting with us following that was brilliant. It was abundantly evident from the detailed report we received and the compassionate explanations that were offered, that there was deep concern for all of us. We are so grateful to be able to distinguish his choices from his “wiring” now. This process has allowed our family to move from frustration back to compassion with him which is where we so desperately wanted to be.

For all of this, we are tremendously grateful. We would not have been able to afford this assessment without the generous assistance we received. This assessment is the kind of gift that changes and literally saves lives! From the depths of our hearts, we thank you!”

Parents of Assessed Student

“This letter is in regards to the results of our son’s testing and our experience at your clinic. We are having a difficult time expressing our feelings as to how much this information is going to help our son.

We have been at a loss for the specific reasons he has had problems in school. No one else has been able to diagnose and give us a clear explanation as to why he was heading in the wrong direction. The experience and results from testing at Hawaii Resources for School Success has given us and our son’s teachers a game plan to move forward. This is something no one else could do.

We truly appreciate your compassion and expertise in dealing with our son's particular circumstances.”

Parent of Assessed Student

“I feel what was the most helpful from the assessment was learning that my son has so many strengths. It helped me to lighten up and appreciate the fact that he is a great kid with some challenges. Before this assessment everyone we went to for help wanted to give him a diagnosis of some sort. I feel that is not helpful. The assessment and learning plan, along with the strategies, allowed me to see that my son may have some challenges but that he is not going to go through life without being able to succeed because of his difficulties. I am grateful for the assessment information and the process we went through to come to this understanding.”

Parent of Assessed Student