

Visit With the Utays

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School Psychology and Education Specialists



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Why Not Tutoring?

How to Remove 4 Stumbling Blocks to Success

Of course parents want to do whatever they can to make available any help their child might need, including tutoring. And, licensed learning centers have what it takes to make parents happy and proud of their children's **clear progress. Yet, often life's ordinary challenges stand in the way of extraordinary progress.** If this sounds like you, consider the following ideas from fellow parents.

- 1) **Money.** "If money is getting in your way, let the learning center know so they can suggest an alternative way to help your child. Ask them about scholarship or government resources such as Supplemental Education Services (SES) offered by approved learning centers such as Total Learning Centers. For example, students in most cyber schools are eligible for SES." Pete from North Hills
- 2) **Time.** "If you are unable to currently commit to the time required by the recommended program, let the learning center know so together you can look at other possibilities. There are even at-home programs that may provide what your child needs." Sheila from Pine-Richland
- 3) **School says, "We'll take of it."** If your child's school is willing and able to provide the needed service, that's wonderful. Let your learning center know so they can build a team with the school, making the combination of the learning center and the school much more powerful than the school alone. **You want results!**" Cathy from North Allegheny

- 4) **Need.** "Well-meaning parents wonder if their child will simply outgrow their problems, or maybe more motivation is all that is needed, or a more supportive or experienced teacher. These and other issues **may** be valid contributors to problems and that is why professional learning centers piece together **many** aspects of your child's educational experience to reach their conclusions and make their recommendations based on **everything** learned from you and directly from your child. So, your job is to ask questions. Their job is to provide answers." Anthony from Cranberry Township

If you are a parent who knows tutoring would help your child, call so together we can figure out a way to not let anything get in the way of maximizing success and minimizing frustration. Instead of focusing on the stumbling blocks, shift your energy to **do whatever it takes to help your child most efficiently prepare today for success tomorrow.**

For information on how you can help best prepare for a better school year this fall, call Total Learning Centers at (724) 940-1090 to discuss your own child's specific situation and needs. If easier, email us at success@TotalLearningCenter.com. Follow Dr. Carol Utay on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/carolutay>.

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