



Subject Matter Expert

Heidi Brett Baker

Heidi Brett Baker is a Senior Associate and special education expert within Public Consulting Group's (PCG) Education practice. Heidi serves as a special education consultant for Project SUCCESS (www.projectsuccessindiana.com), a resource center developed and managed by PCG in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education to support higher academic achievement for students with disabilities. Heidi works with teachers, schools, and districts throughout Indiana to provide training and consultation on effective instructional strategies on academic and behavioral outcomes for students with multiple disabilities; the use of assistive technology to engage students with intellectual disabilities; and transition processes, positive behavior supports, co-teaching strategies, and behavior support programs for students with emotional disabilities.

Expertise

- Special education
- Instructional practices, curriculum development, transition to work processes, co-teaching strategies, and behavioral support programs for students with disabilities
- Assistive technology

Experience

Prior to joining Project SUCCESS and PCG in 2018, Heidi served as Director of Student Support Services for a school district. Before that, she was Director of the Transition and Access Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC) where she worked as Adjunct Professor for the School of Education. At UC, Heidi taught numerous undergraduate and graduate special education courses focused on teaching students with mild to moderate disabilities as well as those with moderate to intense educational needs, fostering relationships with diverse learners, building foundational knowledge for the transition to work specialist endorsement, and supporting individuals with exceptionalities. She was the Principal Investigator for multiple sub awards focused on employment and transition options in postsecondary settings and oversaw several grants for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Heidi previously served as Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services Student Services Administrator and Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disability Instructional Services Administrator. She has more than 30 years of K-12 experience, during which time she worked as a school principal, a director of education, and a teacher in self-contained classrooms, co-teaching assignments for students with mild, moderate, and emotional disabilities.

Recent Publications/Presentations

Marita, S., Hord, C., Brett Mendez, H., & Wiles, B. (2015, May). Students with Disabilities Create Models for Money Management Utilizing Software. Presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

"The 1% CAN do it!" Presented at SXSW EDU 2018, Austin, TX.

Professional Memberships/Associations

- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE)
- TASH

Awards/Certifications

Heidi holds the following licenses in Ohio and Indiana:

- Administration-Principal
- Superintendent
- Director of Special Education

Education

Heidi earned her Bachelor of Arts from Purdue University Calumet in Elementary Education with Special Education Endorsement and her Master of Arts in Education Administration from Xavier University. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Education at the University of Cincinnati (expected completion 2019).