

# LAURA BARR, M.Ed. C.E.P.

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## Educational Consultant

Innovative thought leader driven to break down barriers and inspire families and students of all backgrounds to embrace their “story” while pursuing engaging educational pathways promoting prosperity, happiness, and wellbeing. Creative problem solver with repeated success connecting individuals with adequately funded, well-administered, and high-quality education. Accomplished coach and mentor recognized by clients for “incredible efficiency,” “endless resources,” “astute comprehension of complex situations,” and “innate kindness.”

## ♦ KEY SKILLS ♦

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion  
Student-Centered Instruction  
Research-based Techniques

Differentiation & Neurodiversity  
Group Workshops  
One-on-One Mentoring

Parent Education  
Educational Advocacy  
Leadership & Coaching

## ♦ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ♦

**Laura Barr Ed / e.Merging Consulting, Denver, CO**  
**EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT**

**2010 – Present**

Provide comprehensive consulting services supporting elementary, middle, and high schools with student-centered instructional practices and families with school choice, child development, parent education, and college admissions.

- ♦ Served 3,700+ families throughout the years, many of whom have returned as repeat clients.
- ♦ Generate a 100% success rate for clients getting into college (2021) by thoroughly reviewing requirements and providing well-informed guidance to students and families throughout the admissions process.
- ♦ Collaborate with teachers and administrators to drive best practices focused on instructional equity and inclusion to enrich student experiences and promote love of learning.
- ♦ Provide expertise on research-based techniques for differentiation and neurodiversity, assisted technology, and literacy topics to groups of all sizes.
- ♦ Review school admissions policies, educational philosophy and landscape, teachers, classrooms, and offerings, concurrently conducting student questionnaires and cognitive testing to match students with appropriate institutions.
- ♦ Advocate for students with special and unique needs, such as high intellectual capacity, Autism, executive functioning, and ADHD.
- ♦ Help parents intentionally address challenges presented by this era of privilege and entitlement to raise good citizens who are creative, independent, and entrepreneurial via proprietary “The Entitlement Antidote” book and program.

## ♦ ADDITIONAL SUCCESS ♦

**Curriculum & Instruction Consultant, Independent:** Observe, analyze, and optimize teacher performance and student engagement at public and private schools.

**Founder & President, Vocal Motion LLC:** Encouraged children to explore music and motion in creative and musical environment, building business from start-up to 2,000 clients and 18 teachers over 10-year period.

**Admissions Director / Elementary School Teacher, Stanley British Primary School:** Balanced priorities between teaching, mentoring colleagues, and delivering administrative leadership at independent K-8 school in Denver.

## ♦ EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS ♦

**Master of Education – Early Childhood and Elementary Education**, BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, New York, NY  
**Bachelor of Arts – Humanities (English Minor)**, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER, Boulder, CO

### CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Certificate in Student-Centered Coaching-in Progress**, University of Wisconsin, 2018 – 2019  
**Readers/ Writer’s Workshop Training / Certification**, Columbia Teachers College, 2018  
**Certified Education Planner (C.E.P)**, American Institute of Certified Educational Planners (AICEP), 2016  
**1:1 Coaching with Sam Bennett**, Observation of LABS in Jackson Hole Wyoming and Portland Oregon, 2015 – 2018

## ♦ COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ♦

**President, East High School PTSA President (2018 –2020)**: Recognized for reestablishing PTSA program, driving difficult conversations around equity and inclusion, and creating a unique model that pushes the boundaries to enhance student body.

**Board Member & Co-Founder, Enlighten Inclusion (2016 – 2018)**: Provided programs to transform conversations, assumptions, and social practices of organizations to engage the strengths, gifts, and potential of people living with learning, physical, identity, and social-emotional differences.

## ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦

**Unit Planning for Differentiation**, Squaw Valley Community School, 2017  
**Neurodiversity and Inclusion**, The Gillispie School, San Diego 2016  
**Uncomfortable Parental Relationships through Courageous, Authentic & Strategic Conversations**, IECA Conference, 2016  
**Learning Differences: The Challenges & Joys**, Cherry Creek School District Parent Information Network (PIN), 2016  
**Professional Development and “The Entitlement Antidote,”** Aspen Academy, 2016  
**Professional Presentation one.Merging LLC**, Urban Denver, 2015  
**Keynote at Annual Fundraiser**, St. Elizabeth’s School, 2015  
**Scholars Search Keynote, “Parenting Intellectually Savvy Kids,”** Kent Denver, 2014  
**Choosing Schools in a Complicated Landscape**, Montessori Academy of Colorado, 2011-2013  
**Series of Parent Talks**, Nest Denver, 2012 – 2014  
**Raising Kids for the 21st Century**, Montview Church Mom Time, 2012 – 2013  
**Raising Entrepreneurial Kids**, YPO Small Group Sessions, 2013  
**Raising kids for the 21st Century**, MOPS Group, 2012