

New Discoveries
Montessori Academy

Discover Something New



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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with pleasure and confidence that I recommend West Metro Learning Connections (WMLC) to serve your organization. New Discoveries Montessori Academy (NDMA) has partnered with WMLC for more than five years. Our first connection with WMLC was when West Metro staff developed a protocol for social skills interventions for several of our students. West Metro staff were on site to model social skills group work with our students. To a person, West Metro staff presented professional, caring, and quality support that brought us to the point where we could take on the social skills work ourselves, with confidence.

A natural next-step for us was to work with West Metro for ASD evaluations, IEP support and other ASD-related programming. Whether West Metro is working behind the scenes, or sitting at the table with us as we meet with families, we can count on West Metro to provide excellent care and service. We are colleagues, not clients, as we partner together to do the important work of serving children and families.

Most recently, Mark McCaghy has provided a high level of support as we experienced some unexpected turnover of special education staff. He has consistently brought a quality of service that supports the important work we do at New Discoveries. His contributions when we are in conversation with families are meaningful and professional. He brings warmth and good humor to the conversation which helps to make the process friendly and compassionate. His role in the assessment process is key in helping us develop a plan that meets children where they are at, while also establishing goals which are reasonable and appropriate. In the midst of significant transition, Mark has gone the extra mile to make sure that our service has been seamless for students and families.

I would be happy to provide further testimony regarding West Metro's role at New Discoveries. You may contact me at 320-234-6362, or dave.conrad@newdiscoveries.org.

Sincerely,

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