

Testimonials

"Our 6 year old daughter refused to do her homework. Her teacher said she was easily distracted and chatty in class. At home, she seemed sad and withdrawn. We didn't know what to do. A.S.E.S.S. put it all together. We learned that Cindy has mild ADHD and a learning disability, and had so many unasked questions about adoption. With an I.E.P. giving her school support and therapy at C.A.S.E., our little girl is thriving."

"The A.S.E.S.S. program was a lifesaver. My 10 year old son had no problem making friends, but keeping them was another story. We thought his social issues were due to ADHD, but the psychologist explained he was on the mild end of the autism spectrum. The team provided us with important recommendations for intervention including family therapy and a social skills group."

"We didn't know if it was just normal teenage angst. Our 17 year old son was irritable all the time and his grades were slipping. The A.S.E.S.S. program helped us understand our son's depression and his desire to meet his birth family. As a result of their treatment recommendations, which included preparation for reunion, our son has met his birth family and is excited about attending college next fall."

For more information on this collaborative, informative A.S.E.S.S. program, please contact C.A.S.E. for an initial consultation.

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A.S.E.S.S.

**ADOPTION-SENSITIVE
EVALUATION AND
SUPPORT SERVICES**



**A collaborative, integrated
evaluation program for adopted
children, teen and their families.**



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What is A.S.E.S.S?



Adoption-Sensitive Evaluation Services and Support (A.S.E.S.S.) brings together the expertise of The Stixrud Group in neuropsychological, educational, and personality evaluation with the extensive knowledge possessed by the C.A.S.E. clinical staff regarding the specific educational and psychological challenges faced by adopted children.

The A.S.E.S.S. evaluation process is highly sensitive to the needs of adopted children and their parents. The clinical expertise of both The Stixrud Group and C.A.S.E. will provide parents, educators and other professionals with the uniquely comprehensive information to help them plan for maximum support.

The Goals

- ◆ To provide parents with an integrated picture of their child that will result in an array of strategies for facilitating cognitive, academic and social/emotional development.
- ◆ To provide follow-up support services for both the child and the family members. Parents will also benefit from combined expertise in educational advocacy from both The Stixrud Group and from C.A.S.E.
- ◆ To utilize the evaluation results to enhance the child's self-understanding and self-esteem.

The Evaluation

Conducted by The Stixrud Group, this neuropsychological evaluation consists of:

- ◆ Testing for learning, attentional, behavioral and emotional disorders; e.g. ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, depression and anxiety.
- ◆ Extensive exploration of cognitive and psychosocial strengths
- ◆ Consideration of the effects of early experience on brain development

The Adoption-Competent Clinical Assessment

An adoption-competent C.A.S.E. therapist will assess:

- ◆ The social, emotional and behavioral impact of pre- and post-adoption experiences
- ◆ The child's developmental adjustment to adoption



About the Stixrud Group

The Stixrud Group provides comprehensive neuropsychological assessment designed to clarify an individual's strengths and weaknesses in the areas of cognitive, academic, and emotional functioning. Neuropsychological assessment also helps to identify inefficiencies in brain functioning that contribute to learning and social/emotional difficulties. Results from the neuropsychological evaluation of children and adolescents are useful in determining such things as appropriate educational placement and programming, behavior management techniques, avenues for self-help, career direction and advisability. **Online:** <http://stixrud.com/services>



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About the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.)

C.A.S.E. is the national leader in adoption-competent support with foster and adopted children and adults, their families and the network of professionals who assist them. With 18 years of adoption expertise and an extensive range of mental health services, C.A.S.E. is empowering families in the adoption and foster care community to overcome challenges and grow together.

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