

# INTRODUCING GM LAUNCH PAD

## Greater Minnesota Psychological Assessments for Deaf, Hard of Hearing & DeafBlind Children



*Launching children to their fullest potential through psychological assessments that reveal children's unique talents, gifts, and needs*

GM Launch PAD is an exciting new program, funded by a grant from Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

We provide culturally affirmative psychological assessments to Deaf, Hard of Hearing & DeafBlind children, ages 0-21, who live in Greater Minnesota (outside the 7 county metro area) & are attending a school operated by Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Psychologists travel to the child's school or county offices to evaluate children. Travel costs are financed by grant funds. Medical insurance, educational third party billing, county funding & vocational rehabilitation funding options will be explored in order to cover the costs of psychological testing. In cases where the child does not have insurance or does not have adequate coverage, grant funds are available for financial assistance.

### Types of Assessments Provided:

- ◆ Diagnostic Assessments for Psychological Illnesses such as Autistic Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety Disorders, Depressive Disorders, Learning Disorders & all other DSM-IV Psychological Illnesses.
- ◆ Special Education evaluations for school districts that do not have access to a School Psychologist who is qualified to work with Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind children.
- ◆ Neuropsychometric testing/Neuropsychological screenings
- ◆ Vocational Assessments
- ◆ IQ/Adaptive Testing

### QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- ◆ Child must live outside 7 county metro area
- ◆ Child must be ages 0-21 & attending a school operated by MDE
- ◆ Child must have a hearing loss

### WHO ARE WE?

- ◆ GM Launch PAD is coordinated by Psychological Advantages, LLC, a Clinical Psychology Private Practice owned by Dr. Nanette McDevitt, Licensed Psychologist
- ◆ Dr. McDevitt and other Clinical and School Psychologists perform the psychological assessments. All providers have training and experience working with children with hearing loss or combined hearing/vision loss.

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