

OUR STAFF



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ABOUT CNLD

CNLD was founded over 30 years ago by Dr. Roger Lauer to serve Southeast Michigan and the greater Ann Arbor community by providing quality mental health care for children, adolescents, adults and families.

Our motto, *Developing Unique Minds and Impacting Lives*, speaks to our commitment to assist individuals in maximizing their potential, solidifying their self-esteem and improving their resiliency in order to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

CNLD is best known for our expert clinicians, commitment to providing thorough intervention (what needs to be done, in what order and specific professionals with whom to work) and follow-up to ensure that your unique needs are met.

CLINIC HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, By Appointment Only

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School Advocacy Services



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WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

Advocacy is defined as “active verbal support for a cause or position.” It is a complicated process and your role is crucial to making sure your child receives the best educational plan.

Due to any number of circumstances, this task could be overwhelming: the parents don’t know what the law allows/expects; personalities between the family and school collide; or the complexity of the child’s situation leaves everyone baffled.

Enter the services of an educational advocate, whose job it is to provide active verbal support to assist with your child’s education and your understanding of their unique needs. **Dr. Joanne Smith-Darden** is our clinic’s educational advocate who works with clients who have been evaluated by our doctors, so the continuity of our professional care is maintained.

WHAT ADVOCACY CAN DO FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Once your child has a diagnosis, what’s the next step? You can start working on strategies at home, but how do you know the most effective steps to take? And what happens at school? What if the school seems to be putting up barriers or doesn’t have the staff needed for assistance? How do you communicate your child’s needs during a meeting without getting more confused, frustrated or angry to the point of creating walls between the family and school?

Dr. Smith-Darden has participated in and directed hundreds of school meetings:

- *Student Study Team meetings*
- *MET’s & IEP’s*
- *Section 504 Plan meetings*

Her work as an advocate has helped parents, students, teachers and administrators create meaningful educational as well as therapeutic objectives.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact our office at **(734) 994-9466** or email **reception@cnld.org**



**DR. JOANNE SMITH-DARDEN,
MSW, CCC-SLP, PH.D**

Dr. Joanne Smith-Darden has a background in education, speech and language pathology, social work and developmental psychology.

As the parent of a special needs child and a special educator for over 30 years, Dr. Smith-Darden’s exceptional understanding of diverse special education needs is born from sitting at both sides of the table. Her experience in multiple domains is a valuable asset to the comprehensive service array we provide our clients.

Dr. Smith-Darden’s ability to take the recommendations from our assessments into the educational environment and construct meaningful and helpful goals and plans is invaluable for everyone – client, family and schools alike.