



PEAK Consulting, LLC

(Parenting, Education & Advocacy for Kids)

“From Sunshine to Tsunamis”

Social, emotional and cognitive complexities of gifted children

(A Seminar for Parents and Educators)



Gifted children display thought processes, social interactions and emotional responses well beyond their years, and often in far greater proportion than would be expected. A simple play date in the sunshine can escalate to tsunami levels within minutes – literally or figuratively! Advanced cognitive skills and an intense knowledge base could lead to a 4 year old creating their own version of a “sandbox tsunami” complete with excess water and major destruction! More figuratively, however, a tsunami is also possible on an emotional level. Advanced cognitive skills, reasoning ability and heightened emotional intensity set gifted children apart. Regular social situations and interactions with other children often result in misunderstandings, frustrations or angry outbursts. Understanding the way in which gifted children differ socially, emotionally and cognitively can better equip parents to meet their needs, and to ‘calm the storms’ when things become difficult.

DATE: Day or Evening sessions
TIME: 1 ½ hour presentation followed by question time / discussion
VENUE: School library / auditorium / local venues as arranged
COST: \$15.00 per adult or \$200 per hour flat rate

Alison Brown is a registered Australian psychologist, an experienced teacher, a parent and author. She was a committee member and Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children over six years, has presented at a number of state, national and international conferences in the areas of technology, gifted education, and psychology, and has provided extensive consultation and training programs to schools in Australia, Switzerland, Germany and America. Having taught for ten years and worked as a school psychologist and in private practice, she has first-hand experience in recognizing and catering for the social, emotional, and academic needs of students. With a post-graduate degree in child and adolescent psychology, Alison established a private practice in Australia, in 2004, with a particular interest in the areas of parenting, counseling, and gifted children. Alison is currently based in New Jersey, USA, working as a consultant and is Adjunct Professor of Exceptional Child Psychology at Seton Hall University. She is a trustee on the board of the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children, and currently completing a PhD through La Trobe University looking at the benefits of using narrative therapy with children in counseling.

To enquire about available dates & times, or to arrange a school-based / district-based seminar, contact:

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