



iCONSULTATION SERVICES



My name is Fahima Akbar. I was born in Bangladesh. My family & I immigrated to the US when I was eight years old where my educational story starts. My educational history reads like a novel. My parents were both professors in Bangladesh. They were social activists. They've made a tremendous impact in the lives of the people in our hometown and around. Being their daughter, however, I was slightly different. I did not like school, so I did not go. My father did not believe in forcing his children, thus, he said that "The world was my teacher and I shall attend when I am mentally ready." My formal schooling started in third grade, in a brand new country...I did not know the language, the culture, the people, nor the school culture. I cried for four months with my head down on my desk, but my parents & my teachers took notice, collaborated, and created a curriculum for me so I can learn my ABCs and 123s and somehow, miraculously,

be promoted to the fourth grade at the top of my class. Teachers are such magical beings that make the impossible possible somehow. I hope that I can do the same for my students.

Because education is so crucial in every arena of our lives, in 2012, my husband and I and a few of our friends started a non profit organization called Empathy in Saidpur, Bangladesh. We started a free school for families who cannot afford to send their children to school. We give medical services to families with special needs children who are impoverished; who otherwise would fall through the cracks of society. We educate our families about health, safety, nutrition, sanitation, and many health related topics. We empower women and children so they can become independent and be able to raise their voice in a society where they are voiceless. For me, education is all about empowering the voiceless and transforming lives that will affect generations in a positive manner.

iConsultation Services started when I received my Masters in Education in Special Education from Loyola Marymount University. I realized as a Resource Specialist Teacher that families need to make an informed decision when going through Special Education Processes and do what's most appropriate for their child to attain a quality education. With my Education Specialist Instruction Credential, I am able to assess and give instruction, and provide services to individuals with special education needs.