

Nelida Bullón

Neurodiversity Education Consultant · Special Educator · Professional Trainer

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Special educator and consultant with over 25 years of international experience across Venezuela, Spain, the United States, and Panama. Specializes in neurodevelopmental disorders — including ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, dyslexia, and giftedness — with a distinctive background spanning classroom practice, family coaching, teacher professional development, and disability policy at the United Nations level. Fluent in translating neuroscience research into practical strategies for educators, families, and institutions. Available for consulting, institutional training, and senior inclusion roles in international educational settings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technical Advisor — Disability Terminology

2004 – 2005

United Nations · New York, USA

- Provided technical advisory on disability terminology to the committee drafting what became the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) — the most widely ratified human rights treaty in UN history.
- Negotiated conceptual frameworks and language across Latin American delegations in multilateral committee sessions.
- Raised awareness on disability issues with technical teams and contributed to shaping international legal definitions still in use today.

Founder & Educational Consultant

2019 – Present

YES: Your Educational Style · Panama City, Panama

- Founded and operate an independent educational consultancy delivering personalized support in literacy, numeracy, attention, and executive function to students from early grades through secondary school.
- Design and deliver professional workshops for educators and parents on ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and evidence-based instructional strategies.
- Develop academic reinforcement programs for early-grade students and provide ongoing coaching to families of neurodiverse learners.

Special Education Teacher & Inclusion Specialist

2016 – 2020

Oxford International School · Panama City, Panama

- Provided SEN support and inclusive education advisory across preschool through 12th grade in a high-volume international school environment.
- Developed and supervised Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) and coordinated reasonable accommodations with external specialists and families.
- Trained faculty on special education legislation, neurodevelopmental disorders, and instructional methods for students with diverse learning profiles.
- Organized leadership workshops, administered admission testing, and managed student behavioral and academic files.
- Served as Student Council (STUCO) Advisor, fostering student leadership and community engagement.

Special Educator — Psychopedagogical Cabinet

2022 – Present

Juntos Podemos Curundú Bilingual School · Panama City, Panama

- Lead academic reinforcement program in reading, writing, and mathematics for students in grades 1–3.
- Deliver professional development training for teachers and educational talks and workshops for parents.

Volunteer — Parent Training Programs

2020 – Present

CELAP Foundation (Center of Language Stimulation and Autism of Panama) · Panama City, Panama

- Support training programs equipping parents of children with autism with evidence-based communication and behavioral strategies.

Technical Assistant — Socio-Emotional Care

2000 – 2001

CRMF (Centro de Rehabilitación de Minusválidos Físicos) · Spain

- Supported socio-emotional care for patients with physical disabilities; applied therapeutic humor as a tool for patient acceptance and rehabilitation engagement.

WORKSHOP FACILITATION & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Selected institutional engagements:

2025 Play as a Strategy to Develop Learning & Neuroscience in the Classroom — German School of the Isthmus of Panama (CAIP) — Preschool Teacher Training

2025 Neuroscience in Education; Learning Difficulties & Neurodevelopmental Disorders — University of Oteima, Chiriquí — Faculty Development

2023 Play as Strategy to Develop Learning; Classroom Strategies Informed by Cognitive & Developmental Neuroscience — Hebrew Academy of Panama — Preschool Teacher Training

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Research Perspectives on Persons with Disabilities

1999 – 2001

University of Salamanca · Spain

Specialized doctoral research on disability, inclusion, and rights frameworks in European and Latin American contexts.

Master's Degree — Persons with Disabilities

2001

University of Salamanca · Spain

Bachelor's Degree — Special Education

1990 – 1997

University of Carabobo · Venezuela

Diploma — Development of Pedagogical Creativity with Mind Maps

2020

Technological University OTEIMA · Panama

CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

2023 Update on Hearing Disability Care — Fundación Oír es Vivir, Panama

2022 Neuroeducation for Educators — YetSet Academy, Ecuador (Online)

2022 Managing ADHD, Autism, Learning Disabilities, and Concussion in School — Coursera / University of Colorado

2022 Project-Based Learning — Fundación Gabriel Lewis Galindo & FUNDESPA, Panama

2022 Sensory Strategies for Children on the Autism Spectrum (Modules I–III) — Kid Zone, Peru

2022 1st World Congress on Neuroeducation — University of Granada, Spain

2021 Neuroeducation and Educational Gamification — Universidad Latina, Panama

2020 Down Syndrome: Stimulating Reading, Writing, and Math — Neurocrecer

2019 ADHD Awareness Program — Fundación Valórate, Panama

2017 Educational Challenges in the Digital Era — Institute of Health Sciences

2016 10th Autism Symposium — Fundación Soy Capaz, Panama

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Core Competencies: IEP Development & Supervision · Inclusive Education Design · Neurodevelopmental Assessment · Parent Coaching · Teacher Professional Development · Workshop Facilitation · Educational Policy & Advocacy

Languages: Spanish (Native) · English (Upper-Intermediate) · French (Basic) · Sign Language (Basic)

Tools: Microsoft Office Suite · Virtual facilitation platforms (Zoom, Google Meet)

REFERENCES

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