

Carol Cooper-Braun, M.A.

Learning Specialist | Executive Function Coach | Speaker | Consultant

With over two decades of experience in special education, executive function coaching, and social skills development, Carol Cooper-Braun is a dedicated and dynamic learning specialist focused on empowering individuals to overcome academic, social, and personal challenges. As a Learning Specialist and Executive Function Teacher at Princeton Speech-Language & Learning Center, Carol provides tailored coaching and strategies to students of all ages, helping them navigate academic hurdles and achieve success in both school and life. Carol also serves as a passionate advocate, ensuring students' unique learning needs are met with appropriate accommodations in educational settings.

Carol Cooper-Braun is also the founder and coordinator of *Social Perks*®, a program at Princeton Speech-Language & Learning Center, designed to support adults with social cognition challenges by offering meaningful social opportunities. This initiative showcases her leadership in creating community-based programs. Previously, Carol served as the Social Strides Program Coordinator at The Newgrange School, where she designed and implemented social skills programs for students with social communication challenges, led professional development seminars, and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to achieve individualized goals.

A lifelong learner and educator, Carol holds a master's in teaching with a Special Education specialization from The College of New Jersey and is certified in a range of areas including mindfulness, executive function strategies, and Wilson Language. She has received specialized training from top experts in the field, including Dr. Jed Baker, Sarah Ward, Dr. Temple Grandin, and Michelle Garcia Winner among others. She also earned a B.A. in English from Drew University and focuses on written expression, a skill that can be heavily impacted by challenges with the executive functions. Carol is also the author of *Taking Away the Target: Help for Social Challenges in a Socially Challenging World* and is currently working on a follow-up book, *Taking Away the Target Too: Social Challenges in Adulthood*.

Beyond her work in education, Carol is deeply engaged in her community. She currently serves as a school board member and Chair of the Student Services Committee for the Chesterfield Township Board of Education. She also holds a long-term position with the Chesterfield Public Education Fund, raising funds to provide essential educational materials and support.

Through her extensive experience, specialized training, and commitment to supporting individuals with diverse learning needs in her professional and personal life, Carol

Cooper-Braun is dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the lives of students, educators, adult professionals, and the broader community.