

Special Education

By Lori Boll

Current Job

**Program Director
Special Education
Consulting, Shanghai**

- 20 children
- Ages 4-16
- Mild to Severe disabilities



Nearly four million
school-age children
and teens have
learning disabilities

Making a Difference



4th softball team top row: Jill Truchard, Kristin Swanson, Deborah Decker, Brandi McKinney, Carolyn Lottitz, Kristin Cook, Debby Ryll, and Spencer. Bottom row: Laura Lottitz, Lori Broder, Kim Wilson, Angie Blackburn, Kim Arila, Tracy Gill, (not pictured: Jennifer Jensen)

My journey begins



Happy graduates prepare to march into Albee Stadium.

Teaching Career Overseas





Braden's Story

**Autism affects 1
in 91 children**

Funny?



**When a child
hearkens to the
beat of a different
drum ~ perhaps he
is keeping time to
songs of Angels
that we, his
lessers, simply
cannot hear.**

**~Kelly Long-
Kirkpatrick"**

THE FRIEMBLY BOG

Once ubom a tmie there was a friembl dobl. His name saw Jake. Jake belombbeb to Bavig and Bhte. Davib and Beth aar tins. They ar nime yrse dol.

On e tome Jak went dow to the cellra. H was a ducket of soab. The tins wer doing to wsah the car. He liked some saop buddles out fo the ducket.

When he darked, dig dubbles ca me out
of his muth!

Last sum mre Jak founb a frenb. His
frien sqw a tac named Freb. They
blayde all bay. They nar aroumb and
aroumbb tye yarb. Jake chased the tac
ub te tre. Freb climded up easily. Jake
trieb t and trieb dut ehe slib back
bown!

**Why should you consider a
career in Special Education?**



You can make a positive difference

Sam



Being a special educator gives you the opportunity to use many talents and skills creatively and to grow both professionally and personally.



According to the Council For Exceptional Children:

The need for special education professionals has never been greater. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the need for qualified special educators and related service personnel will increase "faster than most other professions" in the next 10 years.

Other Options in the Field

Speech Pathologist



Occupational Therapist



Behavior Specialist



Clinical Psychologist



Educational Possibilities

- Bachelor's Degree plus special education certificate
- Masters Degree
- Doctorate
- Certification in individual disabilities and/or therapies

Where you can work

- Public School System
Self-contained
Resource
Inclusion
Ages Birth to Adult
- Private clinics
- Private schools specializing in certain disabilities and therapies
- Independent

What I like about this job

Each Day is New

A “typical” day



We're Not Just Helping Children

- We're helping families

The kids are a blast!

Josh Blue video

Bumps in the Road

- Parents
- Funding
- Strict laws to follow
- Paperwork
- Overseas options are limited

A Student's Bill of Rights

All children have the right:

- to succeed, as well as fail, as there are important lessons in both
- to encouragement of his strengths, not the indulgence of his weaknesses
- to full and varied life experiences, whether they bring laughter or tears
- to have his needs met, get his potential challenged, so he may continue to grow and find joy in achievement
- to grow up in a world which does not set him apart, which looks at him, not with scorn or pity or ridicule, but which welcomes him, exactly as it welcomes every child, and offers him many privileges and responsibilities

A Call to Action

- Make a difference in the life of a child
- Help families
- Bring special education to international schools