

How to Be the Teacher that Students Like and Trust

***The Power of Coaching to Guide Gifted
Students and their Parents***

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The Dilemma

- ✓ More bright children are born than ever before in human history
- ✓ They grow up with fast paced mental stimulation and challenge
conventional education
- ✓ Many of them show BEHAVIOR challenges

Some Challenges

- How many times do high potential children drive you up the wall?
- Are they so bright that they outsmart your advice?



Intentions and Objectives

- ✓ How to **guide** highly intelligent children on a **behavior level**
- ✓ How to effectively set boundaries and **build trust**
- ✓ How to **coach** bright children to bring out their **unique** strengths and **build their own lives on them**
- ✓ How to be an **inspiring role model** for gifted children on a daily basis
- ✓ How to be a **trusted advisor** for bright children and their parents

The roots for my passion



- 1975 -1981 High School Teacher in Munich Germany: Biology and Chemistry
- 1981 – 1989 Colegio Visconde de Porto Seguro, Sao Paulo/BR
- 1990 – 1996 Part time teaching and educational consulting for gifted children in Germany
- 1996 – 1997 Scottsdale: Fit for Learning
- 1997 – 2002 Training manager for NDC Health, Phoenix, Master Certified Coach
- 2002 – today **Genius Coaching** for gifted children, their parents and teachers, located in Scottsdale/AZ

Meet David, Julia and Nora Siegel



The Roots for Unusual Behavior

Happiness is a Feeling

Your body speaks body
language
(= behavior)



Louder than
English.



Do you remember?



UNIQUENESS:

Unique smile

Unique fingerprints

Unique eye color

Unique skin

Unique feelings

Unique strengths



“Uniqueness leads to genius if developed all the way”.



“Fitting in”

OR

“Belonging to”

The Human Body INSISTS to
‘walk on TWO legs’



“Teachers remember individual children, not entire groups”.

What if unique talents are NOT identified and developed?

Carla* about her son Ron*

- 14, recognized Math patterns at age 5
- Get's A's without trying hard
- Bored, frustrated, hopeless, “lazy trouble maker”, deepening mood swings
- Very lonely



Suppressed Uniqueness

Damage for body, mind, heart and soul

- Early symptoms
 - ADD, dyslexia, laziness, distractions, Aspergers, playing stupid, aggressive behavior, self doubts, low self esteem,
- Advanced symptoms
- Addictions to sugar, video games, drugs, allergies, anxiety disorders, teenage depression



Your body NEVER lies.

Top 5 Indicators for GENIUS

1. Intelligence – Driven by insatiable curiosity
2. Intensity – Passion to strive for meaning and purpose
3. Sensitivity – All senses are wide open
4. Specialty – Uniqueness in action
5. Charisma – Purpose, direction and passion

Most Common Genius Enemies

- A – Addiction
- B – Boredom
- C – Confusion
- D – Distraction
- P – Passivity



**What side of the coin do you want
to focus on?**

Hunger for Top Talent

- Huge value for any economy
- Unique strengths are a true goldmine
- Diversity of talent essential for teams
- Powerful collaboration of experts needed

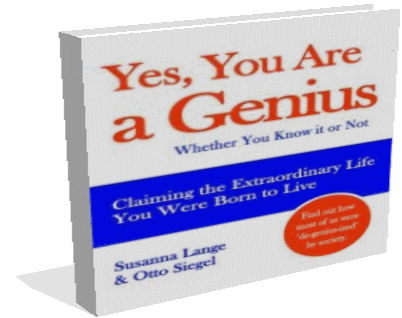
“Any problem cannot be solved at the same level of intelligence that created it.”

Albert Einstein

Only parents and teachers
can detect unique talent early
on in a child's life

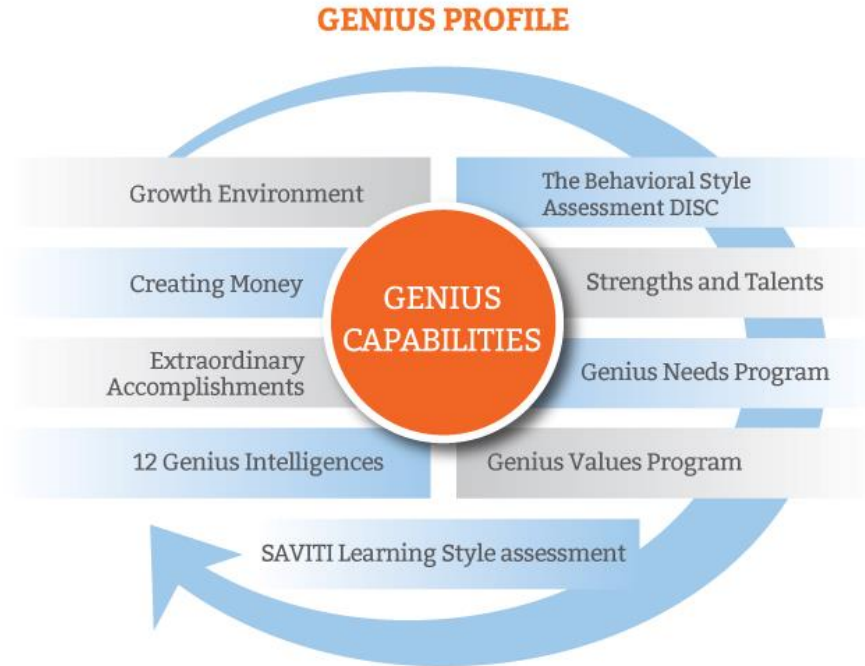
The Genius Surprise

- Unusual Behavior is a BIOLOGICAL cry for help
- Medication might temporarily suppress this signal
- Solution: **Decode and Activate**
unique brilliance



Genius Profile – Evaluating Brilliance

The Genius Profile =
Most
Comprehensive
Evaluation System
for Human Brilliance



Removing Mental Blocks Effectively



WHY Being a Teacher Coach?

- Identify the UNIQUE talents and strengths in children as an **Education Professional**
- Children cannot verbalize them yet
- Create unique ways to nurture these gifts
- Initiate **new conversations** with students and parents
- Self-directed **PLAY – carefully observe**
- **Genius Exercises** during Genius Hour/Brain Breaks

Professional coaching tools help to

- Build more trust and confidence in your child
- Open deeper conversations
- Prevent conflicts
- Explore the roots for talents and strengths
- Stay connected with children through challenges
- Be respected as a lifetime trusted advisor

Radically New Approach

- **The child/parent has all the answers**
 - NO advise unless they ask
 - ONLY questions
 - DEEP listening

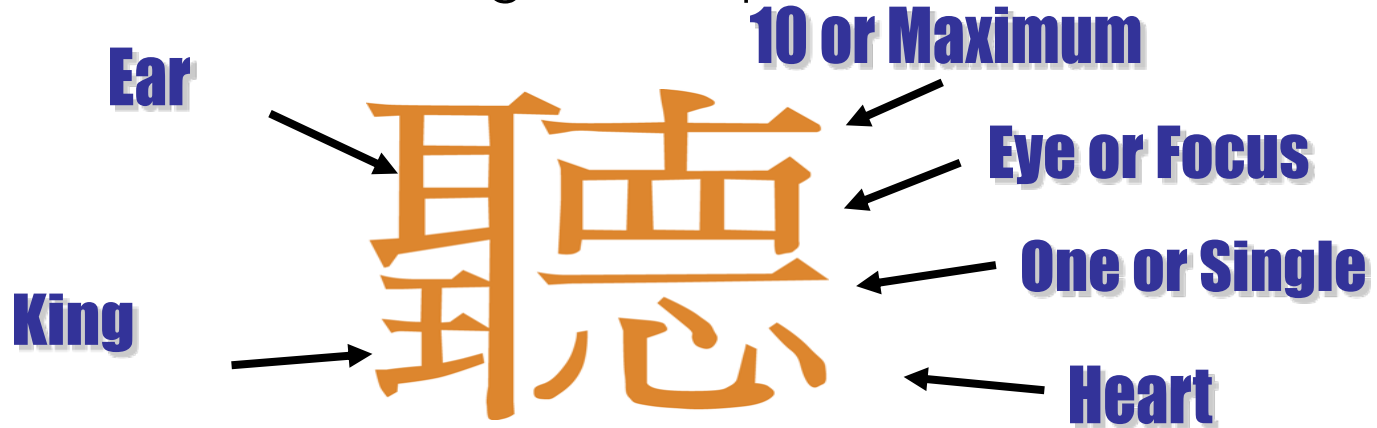
My Most Challenging Parent Conversation

1. Only Questions
2. Deep Listening
3. No Advice

I DID NOT DELETE THE FILE ON
YOUR HARD DRIVE **LAST NIGHT**

The Chinese Character for Listening:

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| 1. Ear | Gather |
| 2. Eye | Perceive |
| 3. Heart | Sense |
| 4. King | Respect |



GENIUS EXERCISES FOR LISTENING

“The Owl”
“The Ear Unfolder”
“The Energy Yawn”



Exercise

“My favorite Movie”

Guidelines for Effective Questions

1. Keep questions short, clear, and concise
2. Use neutral language
3. Ask questions you have no answer for
4. Remain non-emotional
5. Start general/big picture and move to details
6. Use **WHAT, WHO, WHEN** and **HOW**, but never **WHY**
7. 80/20 rule – the child/parent talks more

Stay connected: Text 'GENIUS' to 42828



Summarize your experience in 3 words!



**Thank you for
Listening and
Participating
Today**

