Testimony

Intervention of Dr. María Serrano on our daughter Denise

Despite obvious signs of intelligence, Denise was a slow learner. We had just taken Denise to a clinic in the United States for evaluation and returned home with a devastating diagnosis of brain immaturity and cognitive developmental delays. We thought there was nothing for us to do in Caracas, Venezuela where we live, until Denise's developmental pediatrician introduced us to Dr Serrano Lopez that happened to be in the city at the time. Nothing indicated that there was something wrong with Denise in other areas, but the fact that she was not showing academic improvements, despite obvious signs of intelligence in other areas, was troublesome for us, to say the least.

Dr Serrano came to our home for an evaluation and right away she told us that Denise was a very bright girl and, most likely, she was dyslexic. She also told us that, if treated the right way, this trait would become her best asset. Despite of the fact that she was still young for traditional interventions, she was going to start a home program and she would teach us how to help her as well. Already, after the initial intensive 4 months of intervention Denise's improvement was impressive. We were fortunate enough to have Dr Serrano's expertise for a whole year, where Denise improved not only at school but in her self-perception and identity development.

Dr Serrano explained to us, that Denise's patterns of thinking and learning showed high levels of creativity and unique problem-solving skills. She taught Denise how to self-regulate, to understand her mental processes, to manage her frustrations and to lead a more tranquil life. Dr Serrano's intervention encompassed all aspects of Denise's life and what we see today is a more relaxed and happier girl advancing in school. The pace at which her skills develop are unique to Denise. Today we understand her better and what it is best, her teachers do to! Now we see an incredible child showing us a tremendous thirst to learn and excel.

Following Dr Serrano's recommendations, we have incorporated music and dance into the curriculum as these areas are part of Denise's natural talents.

As parents of a dyslexic child, we are grateful to have found Dr. Serrano, and we are blessed to have a girl with a unique intelligence, special sensitivity and a very big heart.