

Certified Evaluators Serving Central PA

Evaluator Name	Telephone	E-mail Address	Typical Fee	HAHA Mbr.
Betty Allen	717-896-2648	sballen01@comcast.net	\$25 - \$30 checklist style (no details)	No
Linda Blocker	717-545-6039	cablocker@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/cablocker	\$30 - \$55	Yes
Linda Burnett, Ph.D	717-691-7509	Lindaeby5@aol.com	\$40 - \$45 Various discounts available	Yes
Deborah J. Hannon	717-525-7822	Hannonconsulting@yahoo.com	Varies	No
Karen Keitel	717-697-6016	keitel93@verizon.net	\$40 1 st child \$5 cheaper ea. child after that	Yes
Cindy King	717-697-3424	kingzoo@comcast.net	\$35 - \$40	Yes
Kathy O'Donnell	717-245-2938	odonnellk@dickinson.edu pianomom7.blogspot.com	Varies	No
Shelly Taylor	717-938-1135	info@iTestEval.com www.iTestEval.com	\$38 and up see website for details	Yes

Certified Evaluators Credentials & Qualifications

Name	Years Home schooling	Years Evaluating	Personal Home schooling Style	Elementary Secondary Special Needs	Additional Services
Betty Allen	13	8	Varies but includes Traditional homeschooling as well as cyberschooling	E Some S	Erie diploma pgm., Reading Specialist
Linda Blocker	13	17	Variety of unit studies, textbooks, & DVD courses	E S SN	Diploma programs – PHAA, Erie, M.D., Susq. do testing, consulta-tions, & parent issued transcripts
Linda Burnett	15 plus 7 years in classrooms	12	Traditional but supportative of all	E S SN	Mason Dixon Diploma Pgm, Testing, Tutoring, Special Needs Help, & more
Deborah J. Hannon	0 (see notes on last pg)	0 (see notes on last pg)	See notes on last page	E S SN	IEP development & behavioral plans
Karen Keitel	5	7	Varies but primarily Sonlight	S SN	Testing, new consultations, advocate, Certified for PHAA, Susq, & M.D. diploma programs
Cindy King	5	5		E	n/a
Kathy O'Donnell	20	10	Varies. Textbooks, unit studies, living books	E S	n/a
Shelly Taylor	23 years a total of seven children	12	Balanced between published curriculum and life experiences	E S SN	Testing, consultations, workshops, website: www.iTesteval.com Approved for PHAA, Mason/Dixon, Erie, Susq. Valley, & Buxmont Diploma Programs

Certified Evaluators Personal Messages

Evaluator Name	What makes you unique?	Personal Message
Betty Allen	I do not "quiz" students during our interview. I praise them for their work and gently mention areas of weakness if necessary, along with suggestions for improvement.	Evaluations are a necessary task; I try to make them as painless and positive as possible.
Linda Blocker	I am a very flexible evaluator who believes that parents know what works best for their children. I evaluate all styles of homeschooling. I do give advice and assistance when needed.	Having personally homeschooled 1 st through 12 th grades, I have experimented with many curriculums. My five children are very different in learning styles which has given me the challenges that many families have and are experiencing. It has given me a personal perspective on those difficult homeschooling years.
Linda Burnett	I homeschooled my 5 children for 15 years, (my all autistic son until age 7), all of whom are in college or graduated. I have experience with special needs and navigating the "system." I have taught in grades K – 12 in public and Christian schools including gifted kids. I have BAs in Bible and elementary & secondary education. I also have an MA in English education and a Ph.D. in education.	With my background, I am able to help you and advise you in all areas of education. However, I believe that you know how to best teach your child. I will support you in every way and ensure that your evaluation time is relaxed and positive. I will input as much or as little as you desire. For your convenience you can do private or small group testing at the same time as your evaluation (with discounts!)

<p>Deborah J. Hannon</p>	<p>I have experience over a 12 year period in writing I.E.P's and developing behavioral plans. I am a Special Educator with a K-12 Mental & Physical Handicap focus. Although I have not had the privilege of homeschooling my own children, I have worked with many homebound students through the public school system.</p>	<p>I really believe a good educational plan is valuable for your child's future.</p>
<p>Karen Keitel</p>	<p>One of the most important things for me as an evaluator is to determine the family's goals and try and evaluate along those lines. I do not impose my own ideas or make the students follow my personal standards. Also, as an ex-english teacher, I am often asked to edit or help set deadlines for long papers or help with writing in general, which I love to do. In addition, I also will negotiate if money is a hardship or will trade evaluation services for something you have to offer (i.e: sewing, cleaning, babysitting, etc.)</p>	<p>Homeschooling is hard enough without being in fear of what the evaluator might say. My goal is to erase that fear and help encourage parents and students that they're doing well. 99% of families are doing incredible jobs, are too hard on themselves, and should not walk away feeling like they didn't do enough. If there is a real lack, I strategize with the parents to remedy it.</p>
<p>Cindy King</p>		<p>Your evaluation is a chance for you and your child to "show and tell" what you have accomplished, learned, and created this year. It should be an enjoyable opportunity to showcase your accomplishments in a non-threatening environment.</p>
<p>Kathy O'Donnell</p>	<p>God has given me gifts of empathy, kindness, friendliness, and musical ability. I love to encourage homeschooling mothers. There a lots of ways to homeschool – every parent has the wisdom they need to teach their own offspring!</p>	<p>My husband and I have seven children ages 8 – 22. Our oldest is a senior at Messiah College. Homeschooling the children has been a wonderful experience for our family. Homeschooling has been a lifestyle for us – and a perfect way for us as Christians to teach our children what is most important for them to learn – who God is, what God has done, and what God requires.</p>

Shelly J. Taylor	My website. Experience as a mom homeschooling seven children, an evaluator and testing administrator and a working knowledge of the homeschool law. Also offering evaluations and testing from my home and five convenient locations.	I love working with homeschooling families regardless of their homeschool philosophy, curriculum, or experience. (It's reassuring to realize the concerns and fears we face are common to all homeschooling families.) I enjoy relating to those who are just starting their homeschooling journey all the way through to those who are about to graduate. Evaluations to me are not only about certifying if "an appropriate education" took place, but also about encouraging and sharing.
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