



### About Paula

Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, teacher, author, advocate, and independent scholar who works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities, and to create more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners. Paula is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher and inclusion facilitator. Her professional interests include differentiating instruction, active learning, and inclusive schooling. She is the author of numerous books and products including *Universal Design Daily*, *30 Days to the Co-taught Classroom*, *Don't We Already Do Inclusion?*, *From Text Maps to Memory Caps*, *100 More Ways to Differentiate Instruction in K-12 Inclusive Classrooms*, and *You're Going to Love This Kid!* Paula is also the director of a documentary film titled *We Thought You'd Never Ask: Voices of People with Autism*.



### About Michael

Michael Remus has been a general education teacher, special education teacher, school principal, school board member, college instructor, special education director for a school district, and the state special education director for the State of Kansas. He is also the parent of four children, two of whom have disabilities. Currently he is Director of Student Support Services for the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District in Northern Arizona. Most of his professional career has been in the classroom and in training parents and educators on how special education works. He has worked in nine educational systems with varying numbers of students, schools and geographic areas to facilitate them in systems change. He is co-author of seven books for parents on how special education works, two training curricula based on the books, two effective practices manual on special education for schools, a toolkit with the administrative tools needed to make inclusive education successful and a Disability Awareness Activity Packet for teachers.



### About Bridget

Bridget Brown is a successful young woman who captures the attention of everyone she meets with her vitality and confidence. Bridget redefined the term "inclusion" by being the first person with Down Syndrome to be included in her school district from preschool through high school. She started her advocacy organization called BUTTERFLIES FOR CHANGE with her mom when she became a national public speaker. She inspires people to include students with disabilities, so they have access to the curriculum and a full educational experience along with the tools and strategies she used to be successful. She also is a person-centered planning coach and works with young adults with disabilities to help them find their own voice and present at their own IEP meetings. She has a variety of jobs that include working at the University of Illinois Chicago as a dental health educator, and for the PACE bus company. She has worked for Project CHOICES, Early CHOICES and a variety of school and community inclusion initiatives in Illinois. She is a union actress and has been on TV, in movies, and commercials. Bridget has been trained as a PATH/MAP facilitator and she is a graduate of the STARS advocacy program through the ARC of Illinois. Bridget is filled with hope that all people can live full and productive lives in their home school and community if we just dwell in the possibilities!



### About Meghan

Meghan Burke, Ph.D., BCBA-D, is an associate professor of special education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include parent advocacy, families (i.e., parents and siblings) of individuals with disabilities, and disability policy. Meghan's research examines how parents advocate for services for their offspring with disabilities. Specifically, Meghan has developed an advocacy training for individuals to learn how to advocate for other families of children with disabilities to access needed services across the lifespan. Additionally, Meghan conducts research examining how siblings of individuals with disabilities transition to caregiving roles. Meghan has a brother, Ryan, who is 24 and has Down syndrome. She is also the parent of a child with a disability.