We are Special Learning. We are passionate about changing the lives of people with Autism and other special needs through our exceptional educational suite of solutions for the special needs community.

Our expertise in using leading edge technology platforms allows us to effectively deliver our educational products and services around the world without geographical limitations. Using technology we globally access and meet the needs of people in under-served markets.

We apply clinically proven ABA principles to everything that we create, so we can deliver a best in class suite of solutions that work to make lives better in the special needs community.

Special Learning's comprehensive line of teaching and training solutions, including digital teaching kits, training webcasts, mobile apps, teaching supports and virtual consulting services, inform, educate and empower parents, teachers and providers in implementing effective teaching and treatment practices for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

Karen Chung, CEO and founder

Karen Chung obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting from Northern Illinois University and master's degree in Business Management from Northwestern University. In 2010, she co-founded Special Learning, Inc., a company dedicated to becoming the global leader for autism, special needs and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) solutions by leveraging technology as educational resources. As an entrepreneur and investor, Karen has had active involvement over the past 15 years in several businesses in diverse industries including executive search, investment banking, real estate development and high-end retail.

A native of South Korea, Karen immigrated with her family to the United States in 1975. She is an active member of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and is a frequent guest speaker on the topics of entrepreneurship and private equity. She is also a founding member of a new graduate-level degree program focused on Women's Leadership at Benedictine University. Karen is the driving force and innovation behind Special Learning's mission to become the most comprehensive special needs provider in the world.

Special Learning Team

Lesley de Dios, Operations Manager

Andrey Lisovskyi, Development Team Leader

Tara Hays, MPA, MA, BCBA, LBA

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Mike Mueller, PhD, BCBA, Clinical Director

Mike Mueller received his Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi and is the founder, and Director of Behavioral Services at Southern Behavioral Group in Atlanta, Georgia. A Nationally Board Certified behavior analyst, Mike’s work has focused on a wide range of topics within the ASD/DDD population, with his primary area of clinical impact being that of the assessment and treatment of severe behavior in applied settings such as public schools. Mike has won multiple awards for research and scholarship working with children with pervasive developmental disorders. His research interests include the functional analysis of severe behavior in school settings, behavioral treatments of difficult problem behavior, and pervasive developmental disorders. He is a frequent guest speaker and a published author in many research journals and books. As the Clinical Director at Special Learning, Mike is able to contribute his expertise and experience into establishing world-class schools for individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

Sasho Gachev, Creative Director

Sasho Gachev received his bachelor's degree in graphic design from The National Academy of Arts in Bulgaria. As the head of the Special Learning design team, Sasho has contributed his knowledge, expertise and experience in creative design to produce high-quality products and collateral to represent the company brand. He has been instrumental in product development at Special Learning, contributing his knowledge and insight to effectively take ideas from the conceptualization phase and convert them into real products for the special needs community.

Dorothy Ranew, MEd, BCBA

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Lesley de Dios, born and raised in the Philippines, earned two bachelor’s degrees, one in Computer Science and one Nursing. As results-oriented business professional, she has utilized both of her degrees to become a highly-effective project manager. Lesley has overseen the implementation of company policies, standards, and systems management to optimize productivity and the bottom line. Using her exceptional organizational skills and knowledge in the field, Lesley has a proven ability of motivating staff to maximum productivity and managing costs. She has been instrumental in Special Learning’s leveraging of technology to make advances in education for the special needs community.

Andrey received his bachelor’s degree in computer science from Grodno State University. Born and raised in Belarus, Andrey has utilized his more than ten years of experience in web development while serving the needs of companies such as RightMedia Inc., Liveintent, and Yahoo! He is currently the leader of the development team at Special Learning and contributes his creativity, knowledge and professional experience to developing superior technology-based educational products for the special needs community across multiple dynamic and interactive platforms.

Tara has over 10 years of experience working with children in home-based ABA programs, experience consulting for public and private completing Functional Behavior Assessments intervention plans, providing training to staff, social skills programs, supervising behavior students, and monitoring program implementation. Tara has received her B.S. in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Degree In Public Administration and Policy Analysis from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and a Master’s in Applied Behavior Analysis with an emphasis from Ball State University. She is a License Analyst in the state of Missouri.

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