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UNDERSTANDING THE LEARNING & ADVOCACY NEEDS OF A TWICE-EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT THROUGH A STRENGTHS- BASED LENS: A CASE STUDY IN CALIFORNIA

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

- Twice-exceptional (2e) Children are Paradoxical Learners
- New Research: Calls for Multi-Dimensional, Strengths-Based Assessment & Intervention
- Practices Remain Entrenched in Deficit-Approaches
- Parents (or Primary Caregivers) are Key Educational Advocates



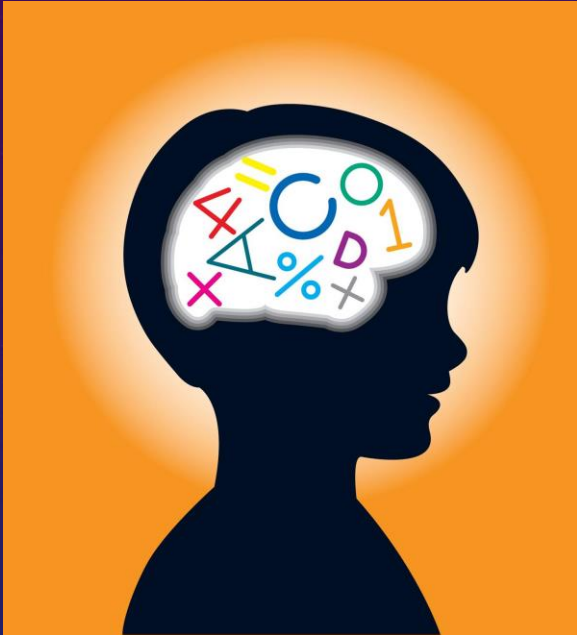
RESEARCH QUESTIONS & THEORETICAL RATIONALE

1. A 2e Student's Strengths, Interests and Talents
2. Parents' Understanding & How Aligned with Child's
3. Parents Experience Using a Strengths-Based Advocacy Approach

Theoretical Framework:

Positive psychology: the positive attributes, traits, and characteristics which support development (Seligman & Csikszentmihalyi, 2000)

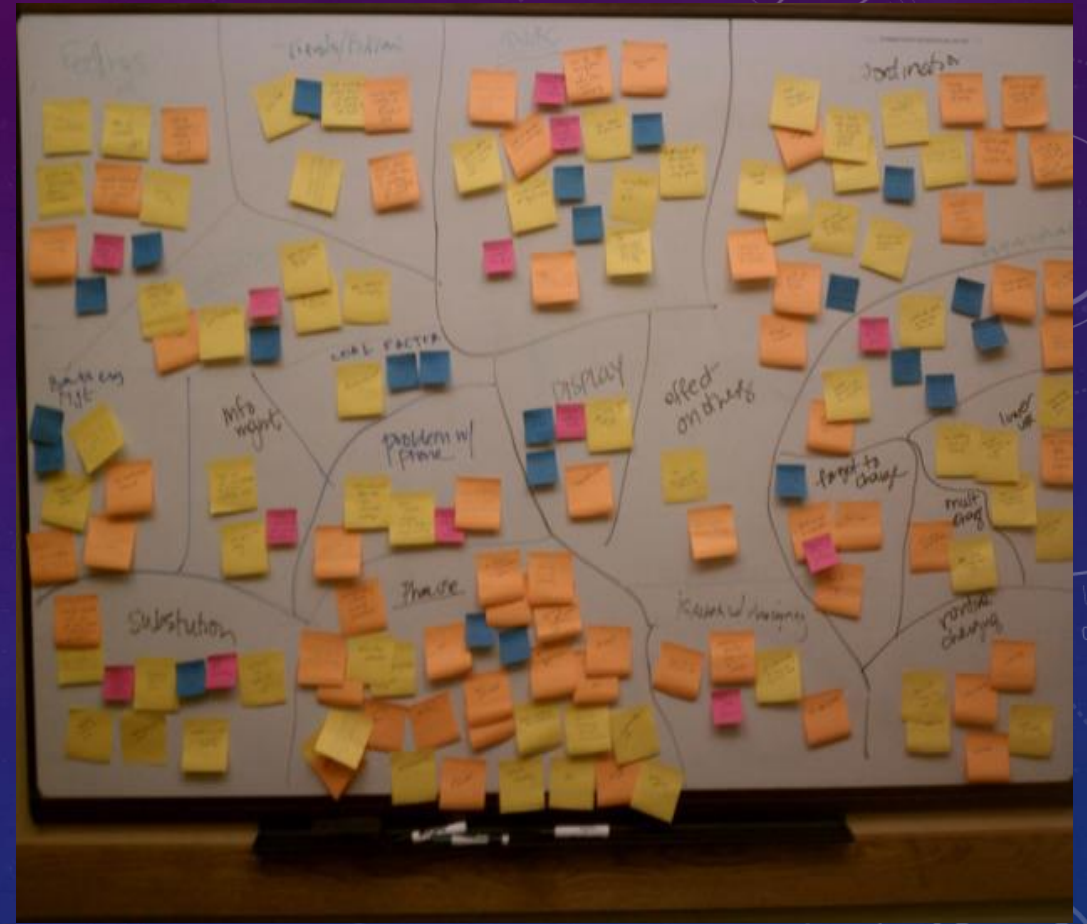
REVIEW OF LITERATURE



- Definition of Twice-Exceptionality & Three Categories
- Characteristics
- Assessment & Identification Issues
- Role of Collaboration

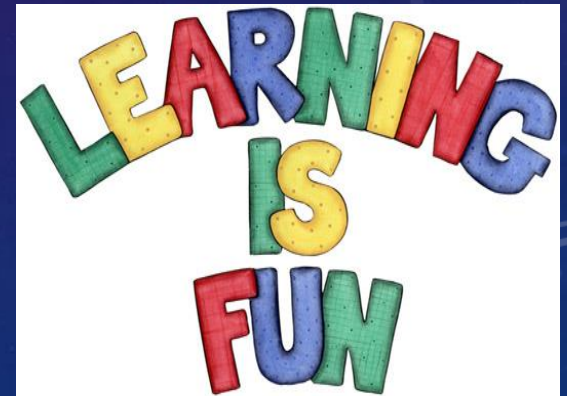
METHODOLOGY

- Qualitative, Mixed-Methods Case Study
- Three Research Subjects: 2e Child, Parent and Tutor
- Transcribed Notes
- Convergent Design
- Used Constant-Comparative Method and Axial Coding to Identify Key Themes



FINDINGS

- Steve's Areas of Strength: Science, Math, Social Emotional Ability, Visual-Spatial Skills
- Closely Aligned Understandings Between Parent and Child in Areas of Strengths
- Parents Using a Strength-Based Approach
- Themes:
 - Overarching Theme – **Achievement**
 - Component Themes -
 - Complexity
 - Separate Spheres Approach with a subtheme of Appropriate Tutor Support
 - Flexibility from School Environment



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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