



Stephanie Klingenfuss  
Preschool Counselor & Head of Inclusion Department

Stephanie is an accomplished educational psychologist from Guatemala. She began her academic journey at Universidad Francisco Marroquín and furthered her studies at Universidad Católica in Honduras, where she earned her degree in psychology. With a distinguished 15-year career in education, Stephanie is deeply committed to fostering inclusive and supportive learning environments where all students can thrive. Her professional aspirations focus on advancing individualized education and providing support for students with diverse needs.

Stephanie's expertise is particularly notable in working with students with Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, and other learning disabilities. She is highly regarded for her skill in designing curriculum modifications and her ability to work effectively with multidisciplinary teams to develop Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Her educational philosophy emphasizes early intervention for preschool children, supporting emotional regulation, and equipping students with the tools they need to succeed. Stephanie also values the importance of working closely with parents to address these critical aspects of their children's development.

This year, Stephanie attended the inaugural Conscious Discipline Institute in Costa Rica, where she deepened her expertise in social-emotional learning and behavior management. She is eager to integrate the advanced insights and techniques acquired from this esteemed program into her work with preschoolers and their families, enhancing their overall educational experience and well-being.



Maria Nieves Martinez  
Middle & High School Counselor

Maria Nieves has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from the Latina University of Costa Rica, where she worked with an NGO providing psychological care. She specializes in working with children and teenagers. Maria participated in the XI Young Researchers Conference (UCA), where she earned 3rd place with her thesis on a therapeutic game for APROQUEN patients.

In addition to her degree, Maria has taken courses in advanced psychotherapy, trauma management, and crisis intervention. She also attended the Summer Institute of Conscious Discipline, where she deepened her skills in fostering emotional intelligence and positive behavior in young people.

Maria was the only representative from Nicaragua at the I Congress of Positive Discipline in Latin America, contributing her expertise to support families and educators. She has completed the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program and Child Protection Level One training, and is an active member of the Safe Environment Team. With 14 years of experience in clinical care, Maria has been dedicated to supporting the psychological well-being of children and teenagers in psychiatric settings. For the past nine years, she has passionately served as a school counselor.



Amanda Browne  
Elementary School Counselor

We are excited to welcome Amanda Browne as our new Elementary School Counselor! With over 9 years of experience in education, Amanda brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for helping children thrive. In addition to her work with young students, she also offers clinical psychology support for adolescents and adults.

Amanda's dedication to providing essential educational and socio-emotional guidance helps foster the growth and well-being of every child she works with. Her vibrant and energetic personality is a perfect match for our school community, where her enthusiasm for learning and sharing shines through in everything she does!