

# Biography



The concept of InStudio (a drop-in art studio for all learners) was conceived by Laguna native, Stacy Collins Johnson, MA. Ms. Collins Johnson, a creative type herself, has also enjoyed a profession in advertising, graphic design, instructional design, e-learning and education. The arts have always been key in her life - sparking her imagination, igniting her intellectual curiosity and giving her a great appreciation for the world at large. Growing up in Laguna during the 1970s and 1980s, she benefited greatly from the robust arts programs Laguna schools offered. As a teen, she supplemented her education with courses at LCAD, and received a Festival of Arts Scholarship. She went on to earn degrees in communications, fine arts and education with an emphasis in instructional design.

Ms. Collins Johnson, who is the proud parent of two lovely children, returned to Laguna Beach primarily so her son, who is diagnosed on the autism spectrum, could benefit from the robust Special Education Department that the local school district is fortunate enough to provide.

Prior to her return to Laguna Beach, Ms. Collins Johnson lived in San Francisco for over twenty five years. There she was involved with Rooftop Alternative School, an arts-based K-8. She also taught multimedia studies for San Francisco State University and UC Berkeley Extension and was key in a few 'firsts' in the interactive and online learning arena in the 1990s. Ms. Collins Johnson also brought online learning to Levi Strauss & Co. - a first for the corporation. For this she received the Golden Rivet award. She continued to develop online systems in the SF Bay Area and Silicon Valley.

- Most recently, Ms. Collins Johnson received her certification as a Special Needs Life Quality Coach from TERI, Inc. in San Diego County. This certification specializes and focuses on coaching those with special needs and their families.