

## OUR SERVICES

### Life Coaching

The Education Center provides a nontraditional form of counseling – life coaching – which helps children and teens gain self-confidence, independence, and lifetime skills. Through an individualized approach, our participants overcome negative situations, get on the right track in school, and gain the self-esteem vital to realizing their dreams.



**LITOWISM #18**  
**LOOK AHEAD  
AND PREPARE  
OR LOOK BEHIND  
AND REGRET**

We help kids understand that they are ultimately responsible for their own lives, no matter what has happened in the past. We teach them to become problem solvers.

### Tutoring

We provide one-on-one academic tutoring by professionals and volunteers to increase the student's opportunity for success in school.

### Business Partners Mentoring Program

We pair young adults with mentors from local businesses to learn life skills, job-performance realities, and job-readiness training.

### Collaboration and Referral

We work with area school districts, churches, parent groups, law enforcement and probation departments, social workers, hospitals, civic groups, and others to provide a broad base of support for our students.

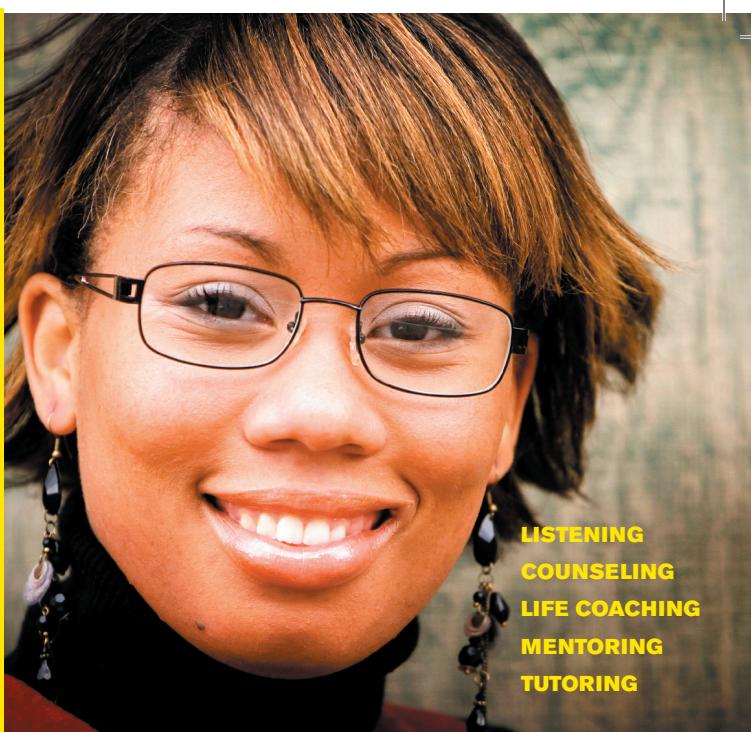


**LITOWISM #54**  
**A KID SHOULD FEEL GOOD ABOUT  
WHAT HE CAN DO, NOT ANXIOUS  
ABOUT WHAT HE CANNOT DO**



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Helping kids succeed  
in school and in life



## OUR MISSION

The mission of The Education Center is to help children and young adults succeed in school – as well as in life – through a unique, individualized life-coaching program.

## THE KIDS WE SERVE

Our services help children and teens, ages 6 to 18, who are facing the following challenges:

- Attention deficit disorder
- Failing grades or underachievement
- Inability to complete assignments
- Lack of motivation or organization
- Poor auditory or visual processing
- Poor comprehension skills
- Poor peer relationships
- Special education needs
- Other situations causing a child to be at risk, such as a personal trauma, learning disabilities, drugs, or gang affiliation

Because of our close relationships with school systems and the business community, we effectively advocate for our students with guidance counselors and teachers, and we are able to connect young adults with potential mentors or employers.

*"I was diagnosed with a learning disability when I was in junior high school. The Education Center was a Godsend to me. I was a teenager that needed a miracle, and I found one. Today, I own a successful print shop in Downers Grove. I also mentor other kids who attend the Center and need my help. A new goal is that I am starting college at the age of 33!"*

*~ Jonathan*

LITOWISM #125

**FREEDOM  
IS THE RIGHT  
TO BE WRONG,  
NOT TO DO  
WRONG**



LITOWISM #84

**BEFORE YOU  
TRY TO LEARN,  
YOU HAVE TO  
LEARN TO TRY**



## TURNING LIVES AROUND

Each year, The Education Center helps hundreds of children, empowering them with life skills and teaching them personal accountability. A 97 percent graduation rate for students completing the program, improved school performance, and better attendance illustrate some of their successes.

**97% GRADUATION RATE**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY

- Refer a child in need
- Be a mentor
- Provide a job or internship
- Give generously to our scholarship fund to help make a difference in the life of a child
- Sponsor our annual "Kids Best Friend" Gala, held each fall to benefit the programs of The Education Center

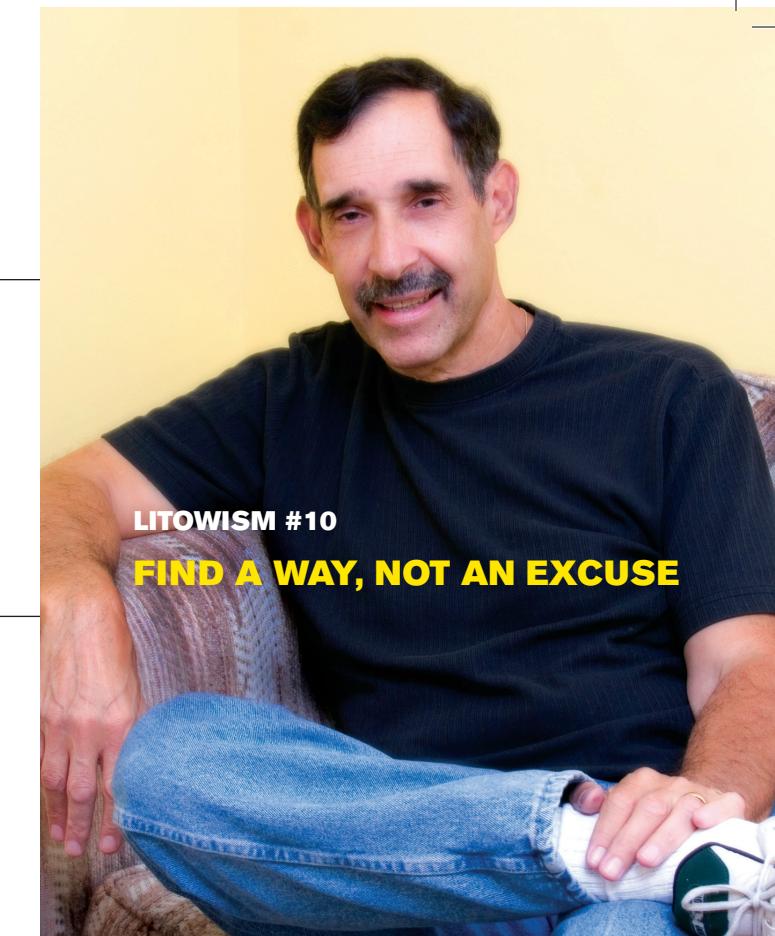
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LITOWISM #10

**FIND A WAY, NOT AN EXCUSE**



## DR. MICHAEL LITOW

Dr. Michael Litow is the founder and executive director of The Education Center of Developmental Resources. A nationally acclaimed educator, counselor, and consultant, he has been recognized by many organizations, including the Chicago Jaycees, the Illinois House of Representatives, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the White House Conference on School Safety. He also received a 2004 Caring Award from the Caring Institute. Litow is available as a keynote speaker and offers seminars on numerous educational topics. The Education Center is a not-for-profit organization established to empower children who are dealing with a broad spectrum of challenges.

*"When I first enrolled, I was having difficulty focusing on my work. I felt sometimes like I would not make it. But after three years, I did succeed through counseling and tutoring. The Education Center helped pull me out of a dark hole when I thought there was no hope, and I did not want to live. Today, I am in my final year of my master's degree at UIC. I plan to become a social worker so I can help others."*

*~ Samantha*

**LITOWISMS:** A statement of wisdom based on Dr. Litow's reflections on life and learning.