

## ***Melanie F. Wood***

Melanie grew up in Rockville, Maryland and now resides in Severna Park. She attended East Carolina University and received a BS in Professional Biology with concentration in Psychology and Information Systems. Melanie enjoyed 15 years in the computer industry in sales, technical network design, curriculum development and training systems for Department of Defense.

Throughout her life, she has always found an opportunity to teach children and adults on a variety of topics from Red Cross Courses to the 3 R's (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic).

As a result of home-schooling her own Twice Exceptional (GT/LD) child for 4 years, Melanie became involved in sharing her findings and methods with other "mom's" on the many methods and styles of curriculum for different types of learners, which brought her to cognitive deveopment and sensory integration. She is dedicated to helping children and adults who struggle academically, whether through presentations, in-service training, assessments, individualized program development or parent support/advocate work.

Four years ago, she, her husband and three children returned from a year of sailing to become the Director of Bridges Learning Center (now known as Synap2it Learning Center) beginning a great partnership with Nancy Feldmann. As a licensed/certified SOI Cognitive and Perceptual consultant, Melanie finds great reward to enabling those struggling in developing the skills necessary to learn and succeed.