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Redefining LD in the 21st Century

Marjorie Montague, Ph.D. - Monday

Marjorie Montague has been a faculty member at the University of Miami since 1987 and focuses on learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Arizona. Dr. Montague has published over 50 articles, chapters, books, and curricular materials. Dr. Montague has received numerous federal research and training grants. She currently is principal investigator for “A Longitudinal Study of Co-Morbidity of Disorders in Children and Adolescents”, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education. The Institute of Education Sciences recently awarded Dr. Montague a research grant over \$2 million dollars for her *Improving Mathematics Performance of At Risk Students and Students with Learning Disabilities in Urban Schools (MSM Project)*. The purpose of this project is to test the efficacy of *Solve It!* (Montague, 2003), an intervention to teach students with learning disabilities how to understand, analyze, solve, evaluate mathematical problems by developing the processes and strategies that effective problem solvers use.



Christian Moore, M.S.W. - Tuesday

Author of The WhyTry Program



Christian Moore is an internationally renowned author, speaker and advocate for at-risk youth. The WhyTry Program he authored has proven to be one of the most effective ways to teach the critical social and emotional skills that determine the success and happiness for individuals facing life's challenges.

The WhyTry Program is now in use in thousands of schools, correctional facilities and mental health agencies in the United States, Canada, and Australia and continues to be one of the fastest growing intervention programs for at-risk youth.

Christian grew up in the Washington, D.C. area in a family of twelve children. By the second grade, Christian had been diagnosed with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder, conduct disorder, and severe learning disabilities. Despite overwhelming obstacles, Christian rose from special education to receive a master's degree in social work. Today he is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

His work with youth like himself led him to the realization that they usually lacked only one thing to experience the same success he had: hope. The WhyTry Program delivers the key social and emotional skills that open the door to hope in a way that is both easy to understand and powerful.

When he is not traveling to world inspiring audiences, he is home with his family in the Rocky Mountains.