



DR. EL BROWN FULL BIO

Dr. El Brown is a professor, parent educator, author, and advocate, who works with service providers and families to enhance family engagement practices, and to create more culturally responsive learning experiences for diverse families. El is a faculty member at American University, who has served as classroom teacher and family engagement facilitator.

Dr. El began her career as an Early Childhood educator in Atlanta Public Schools (APS). After which, she relocated to Asia and taught 2nd grade in Japan and South Korea with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

Upon her return to the United States, Dr. El founded KinderJam, which grew to serve Military and State Department Families in 11 countries and 16 states. The program was founded in response to Dr. El's experience as a mother parenting a young child with disabilities and its purpose was to promote Early Intervention and Family Engagement in military communities.

To further develop KinderJam and ensure the professional integrity of the program, she earned a M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education. Later, Dr. El earned her Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education with a secondary emphasis on Educational Psychology from the George Mason University.

Dr. El's current research focuses on reconceptualizing what it means to support the needs of families of diverse learners. She has authored two books and created music and curriculum for young children. Above all, she is the proud mother of a 14-year-old son on the autism spectrum, affectionately known as SuperDuperYoungMan (SDYM). And to her core, Dr. El Believes every family deserve to WIN!