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SPEAKER, AUTHOR & COACH



Beautiful Minds

Choyce Simmons is first a child of God. She is a mother to her son, a sister-mom to her two brothers, an entrepreneur, coach, the author of "Live, Learn, Love. Embracing Your Inner You." A Chapbook of poetry and motivational words, and a 2x Amazon #1 Best Selling author of, "When Queens Rise", released December 2022 and "Women with Unshakeable Faith" released April 2023. Simmons is an avid learner. She earned her first master's degree in Human Service Counseling with a concentration in Grief Counseling in 2017; a certification as a Grief Support Specialist in 2018, and a second master's in Education with a concentration in Educational Therapy in 2021.



Simmons has been volunteering as a Grief Facilitator with GriefShare Ministries since 2018, and in November 2022, she begun offering professional development courses on Grief to administrators, educators, and support staff in schools & classrooms in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Simmons has dreams to expand to other counties and states. She has goals to one day provide grief services to children, teens, young adults, and families individually and in groups, in the school setting.

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Simmons is the Founder of Beautiful Minds, LLC, an Educational Therapy, Advocacy, Consulting, and Grief Coaching company founded in 2019. She has a passion for educating all people and advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves both through learning difficulties and the grief process. Simmons assists children with learning differences and their families navigate special education in both public and non-public school sectors. She also coaches griever and those supporting griever through their grief journey; providing coping skills, supporting tools, and guidance to create healthy habits, positive thinking, and decision making so they can heal and live a full life for themselves and in memory of their loved ones.

Let's Talk About Grief-

Grief is loss. It is inevitable, unpredictable, overwhelming, and a topic most avoid talking about. Although most focus on the emotional response to loss, grief also has physical, cognitive, behavioral, social, cultural, and spiritual dimensions to it. It is important to understand what grief is, why we grieve, how it looks from an individually prospective, and the coping skills needed to continue to living a healthy life. We grieve because we loved. It is vital that we find ways to talk about it, not avoid it, so that the healing process can begin. Choyce has a passion for encouraging, motivating, and supporting those in need. With her coaching skills and guidance, she will walk with you through the grief process, provide the necessary tools and support you need to deal, heal, and reconnect with the hope and love for self and life that has been lost

Understand Learning Differences & Special Education in Black Community-

- Black students may be placed in special education at a higher rate than their peers but there is evidence that they are more likely to be identified as intellectually disabled or behaviorally disordered rather than having a learning disability such as dyslexia or other conditions such as speech or language impairment or ADHD. In many situations, students of color are less likely than their white peers to be identified and to receive special education services, despite demonstrating similar levels of academic performance and behavior, even when attending the same schools. Choyce can help students understand and embrace their unique way of learning, and their families navigate special education to receive the proper service, accommodations, and resources their children need.