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Top Skills

Writing

Editing

Teaching

Certifications

Special Education Law & Advocacy
Training

UDL Associate Credential-Level 1

Honors-Awards

SmartBrief Education's Editor's
Choice Content Award

Publications

The Everything Parent's Guide to
Special Education

On-the-Go Fun for Kids!: More
Than 250 Activities to Keep Little
Ones Busy and Happy--Anytime,
Anywhere!

The Everything Kids' Learning
Activities Book

Amanda Morin

Senior Writer & Expert, Educators at Understood.org | Speaker,
author, podcast host | Many hats

Portland, Maine

Summary

Amanda Morin is an author, speaker, parent advocate and former early childhood educator. Ms. Morin worked in classrooms and as an early intervention specialist for 10 years. She currently works as a senior writer and in-house expert for Understood for Education and the Understood.org program.

Ms. Morin has written for and served as an expert resource for numerous outlets, including NPRED, Education Week, Associated Press (AP), The Atlantic, Washington Post, Parenting Special Needs Magazine, and more.

She is the author of three books: The Everything Parent's Guide to Special Education, The Everything Kids' Learning Activities Book and On-the-Go Fun for Kids: More Than 250 Activities to Keep Little Ones Busy and Happy—Anytime, Anywhere!

Morin received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Maine and special education advocacy training from the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates. She is on the Professional Advisory Board of Matan, the advisory board of Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, and is a member of the Learning Disabilities Association of America, and is a member of the Education Writers' Association.

Experience

Understood.org

Senior Writer and Expert, Educators at Understood
September 2013 - Present

Member of the editorial staff and expert team of the Education team and of Understood.org, a project to improve outcomes for the 1 in 5 people with learning and attention issues. In part, responsibilities include:

- * Writing parent-facing, actionable content about learning and attention issues for Understood.org
- * Holding webinars and chats on issues in areas of expertise
- * Conducting parent outreach and providing community support

Adams Media

Author, The Everything Parent's Guide to Special Education; The Ev. Kids' Learning Activities Book

2013 - August 2015 (2 years 8 months)

On-the-Go Fun for Kids!: More Than 250 Activities to Keep Little Ones Busy and Happy--Anytime, Anywhere! (2015)

The Everything Parent's Guide to Special Education: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Advocating for Your Child with Special Needs (2014)

The Everything Kids' Learning Activities Book: 145 Entertaining Activities and Learning Games for Kids (2013)

About.com

K-5 Education Contributing Expert; Expert, Kids' Learning & Activities
February 2010 - March 2014 (4 years 2 months)

Provided parents with up-to-date educational information and original, developmentally appropriate learning activities to help them be their child's partner in learning and to incorporate learning into daily life. From reading lists to explorations of issues like zero tolerance policies and high-stakes testing, articles dealt with the educational side of raising children. Provided actionable information a

freelance editor/writer

Freelance Education Writer

September 2007 - November 2013 (6 years 3 months)

Wrote feature articles about the issues everyday moms face--educationally, personally and professionally--and covered a variety of educational and social-emotional topics. Clients included:

*Education.com

*POPSUGAR Moms (formerly Circle of Moms)

Education & Early Intervention

Teacher, Early Intervention Educational Consultant & Family Specialist
1997 - 2007 (11 years)

Worked in many educator roles over the years, including: general education classroom teaching, 1:1 parenting training, service coordination and provision

for a caseload of 80+ children age 0-5 with developmental disabilities and led multi-disciplinary team members in providing therapeutic support for children in foster care.

Education

University of Maine

B.S., Elementary Education, Child Psychology

University of Rochester