

Jill Molli - Meet your Loving Guidance Associate

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SUMMARY

Jill Molli, a Loving Guidance Associate and experienced elementary school teacher, shares her journey in education and the transformative impact of Conscious Discipline. With a background in counseling and a passion for working with children facing challenges, she emphasizes the importance of relationships and engagement in educational settings.

- Jill has over 10 years of experience as an elementary school teacher, starting as a behavior disorder teacher.*
- She obtained a Master's in Counseling and worked as a guidance counselor in a high-poverty school.*
- Jill implemented Conscious Discipline in her school, achieving school-wide adoption before leaving.*
- She has extensive experience working with various populations, including children in foster care and inmates in federal prison.*
- Conscious Discipline has significantly influenced her parenting, helping her recognize her children's unique gifts.*
- Jill advocates for the importance of relationships and fun in managing difficult situations in education.*
- She aims to share the benefits of Conscious Discipline to help educators and parents become more effective and connected.*

Hi my name is Jill Molli. I'm a Loving Guidance Associate.

I live in Mexico, Missouri. I have been an elementary school teacher for 10 years in the public school system.

I started off as a behavior disorder teacher. Not really because I was qualified, I just graduated a little early and it was the first job that was offered and my mom said I had to take it. So I took that job and believe it or not that's where the passion for what I do now came. I learned from that experience that I didn't plan, that I really enjoyed working with kids that struggled and so I had got my Masters in Counseling, I was a guidance counselor in a K-5 building that was the most poverty school in our area. While I was doing that, I'm from small town USA, and word travels fast and I ended up doing parenting classes in the federal prison.

So for four years I moonlighted, as many teachers do, and I taught school and was the guidance counselor during the day, and begin the implementation of

Conscious Discipline in our building.

Just like any school, we had done many, many, many programs, four and five different programs every year. We would start a new discipline program looking for the perfect thing that was going to finally make the change. I left my school eight years ago and I've been doing Conscious Discipline for eight years, and I implemented it for three years before I left, and we had school wide implementation in the K-5 building before I left, and now I've been gone and they've been doing it for 11 years.

I was a huge piece of the implementation. When I left, my principal thought what's going to happen? It's going to fall apart. But that's the gift of Conscious Discipline, it's not dependent on one person. When you hear a presenter, you want that presenter to be in the trenches. You don't want to know that fifteen years ago she did this and she tried that and that's really what I pride myself as as the presenter, is I want you to know that yesterday I got spit on, or pushed, or shoved, or someone was disrespectful to me.

I've had experience with pre-k. I've had experience working in the prison. Because I have a mental health background, I've done foster families. I've worked with foster families in social work areas, then the elementary thing, having some wonderful success working with middle school and high school kids, and actually even worked in the business world with insurance agencies, and I just did some things with Secret Service, and US Marshals. Conscious Discipline has changed my life most importantly as a mom. I've had wonderful experiences implementing Conscious Discipline in a vast amount of areas.

I feel like because I get to practice it, my children are nine and twelve, and I've been practicing it with my daughter since she was born, and with my son since he was 3. It's changed my life because I see gifts in my children that I couldn't have read in a book, that I had to practice every single day and I think that the gift that I can bring to an audience is that I live it, I love it, and I love to engage and share that with people.

Most importantly I want to bring Conscious Discipline to you because it helps you be the best you you can be. It helps you find light in frustrating moments. It helps you to work with difficult situations and kiddos that you feel like you just can't manage, you just can't handle it anymore, staff that you're exhausted with. I think that the gift of Conscious Discipline is, it's about making your staff more

engaged and more connected, bringing parents in, and we look for what's the secret.

The secret is relationship and the secret is fun, and what I can bring to you is fun in a new way to manage upset.