



Over the last three years, we have endured a lot of changes in the way we run our classroom, due to the JEdI program. Most people who know me would testify to the fact that I do not react well to change. However, the changes which have taken place for us in the last three years have had a positive impact on our education program, and I hope this will continue.

The JEdI program, and all the training provided through it, has helped us at YCJDC to improve our program tremendously. We learned a great deal when we went to Batesville - both for the teachers' meeting and the Special Ed training - and I hope to see that level of training continue. Learning the expectations the Department of Education has regarding Special Education was invaluable. The opportunity to get to know our contacts at the Department of Education, as well as our JDC counterparts, has been just as invaluable.

At DeGray Resort, we were very fortunate to have Carol Kramer Brooks as a speaker. (Apologies if I misspelled her name) Not only was it awesome to get to hear her speak, but we had her attention as a very specific audience. Her message was aimed directly at JDC teachers and was directly applicable to our special types of classrooms. That was so refreshing after spending so many hours at professional developments which did not apply to us.

I truly hope that our JDC specific training can continue, and possibly even grow. We all have to have the 60 hours per year, but it's much easier to tolerate meetings for those hours when the subject matter pertains to us specifically. If JEdI can maintain this level of training for us, then it will turn out to be an even bigger blessing for us than it has been already.

Thank you,
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