

About Dr. Marianne Cintron

Dr. Cintron first realized a call to work with at-risk students when she started teaching Special Education in 2001. She holds two earned Masters Degrees and worked as an Educational Therapist for several years. She founded Alpha Learning Center back in 2005 which served many years a Supplemental Education Service (SES) provider in at-risk schools. "I feel we lose many first- and second-year college students to the restaurants and supermarkets and wanted to train them to work with struggling students, and pay them."

She also is passionate to train high school and college students to work with these at-risk students, drawing them into education, and providing that safe, exciting, and meaningful first job experience. For her Doctoral research Dr. Cintron trained interns who provided a 12-week afterschool reading intervention coupled with music. All the students made significant gains.

Dr. Cintron discusses many individual cases and her resources in [A Message of Hope, How Music Enhances Reading for Dyslexic Students](#). While she is passionate about using music and a specific teaching method for parents or therapists, she is a teacher trainer/consultant for the state approved S.P.I.R.E. reading curriculum. After nineteen years of education, she founded Step by Step Dyslexia Solutions, a nonprofit charitable organization, where she trains college interns and adults in two Orton Gillingham programs: S.P.I.R.E. and the Reading from Scratch program. They in turn can tutor their own kids or students.

Dr. Cintron is an IDA Board Member, co-hosts monthly Family Coding Events with partner Thinklexic, speaks on radio shows and conducts training seminars for parents and educators. She also serves as an advocate for parents who need support navigating through the IEP process.