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Molly Cole Thursday, April 18, 2019

is the Associate Director at the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at UConn Health Center. She has over 40 years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities, with a focus on family support and advocacy. Ms. Cole recently retired as the Director of the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities and she is the past president of the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities. She is a founding member of Family Voices, a national grassroots organization, and past president of the National Family Voices Board of Directors. She has published articles on family leadership and family support, and written and directed numerous grant funded projects. She is the former Executive Director of FAVOR Inc., a statewide family advocacy organization, and directed the Family Center at CT Children's Medical Center for nine years. She is the parent of three children and she has had personal experience with an array of services and programs. Her middle child, Mariyama, had significant disabilities and complex medical needs and passed away at the age of 18.

LeDerick Horne Friday, April 19, 2019

Diagnosed with a learning disability in the third grade, LeDerick Horne defies any and all labels. He's a dynamic spoken-word poet. A tireless advocate for all people with disabilities. An inspiring motivational speaker. A bridge-builder between learners and leaders across the U.S. and around the world. An African-American husband and father who serves as a role model for all races, genders, and generations.

The grandson of one of New Jersey's most prominent civil rights leaders, LeDerick uses his gift for spoken-word poetry as the gateway to larger discussions on equal opportunity, pride, self-determination and hope for people with disabilities. His workshops, keynote speeches, and performances reach thousands of students, teachers, legislators, policy makers, business leaders, and service providers each year. He regularly addresses an array of academic, government, social, and business groups, including appearances at the White House, the United Nations, Harvard University, Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week, the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, the Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Alabama State Departments of Education. His work addresses the challenges of all disabilities, uniting the efforts of diverse groups in order to achieve substantive, systemic change.

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