

## **CV Djenne-Amal Morris**

**Djenne-amal N. Morris, BA**, brings passion, humor and real-life experience to her role as national and international parent/professional trainer, facilitator and motivational speaker whose view of the world not as it is, but as it could be. As a mother of an amazing son with CHARGE Syndrome she strives to build an atmosphere of support and empowerment for families of children with special needs and the professionals who serve them. This has led to her career working with families of children with special needs in various roles as Women's Ministry Leader, Family Specialist for the New England and North Carolina Deaf-Blind Projects. For the past 12 years, Djenne has worked as a Parent Educator at BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in North Carolina. She also serves as the Family Faculty Advisor for the NC-LEND program at UNC-Chapel Hill and President of the Board of Directors for Hands & Voices Headquarters.

Djenne and her husband Michael have 3 children. Malik, 23 a recent graduate from the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf. He recently transitioned into independent living in his new group home for Deaf young men. Imani, 24, lives Austin, Texas. Her youngest Zakiya, 17, is a high school senior. Djenne is an avid reader, yogi, and a newly published author: **The Art of Collaboration: Lessons from Families of Children with Disabilities.**