LEVERAGING THE HIGH SCHOOL THERAPEUTIC SETTING TO LAUNCH STUDENTS INTO MEANINGFUL CTE TRACKS DR. EVISHA FORD, LCSW

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Women of Faith who might be God's favorite

Favorite Book: Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott. I discovered her & my passion for writing as a Junior in College.

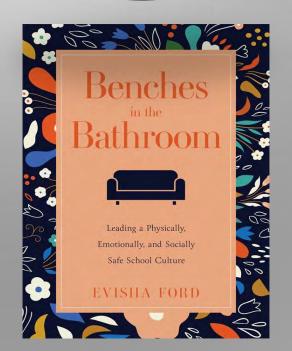
Fun Fact: I have traveled to every continent, most of them, a few times over (well, except Antarctica)

Hobbies: Scuba Diving, Body Building, Performing Arts Events & Talking to Strangers

Adulting: I founded, iCan Dream Center, a therapeutic school for neurodiverse learners in Illinois

Family: Boy Mom













ICAN DREAM CENTER BRIDGE TO WORK PROGRAMS



CNA Program



Hospitality Certificate Program



Endless
Opportunities



BARRIERS

Access

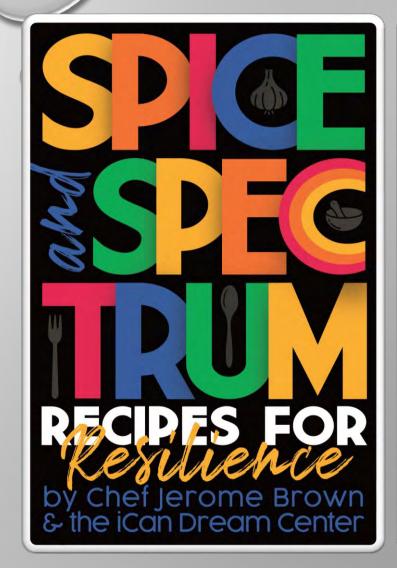
- Partnerships with institutions of higher learning
- Post-Secondary programs that are seeking more inclusivity
- Faculties that are interested in professional development to expand neurodiverse inclusivity

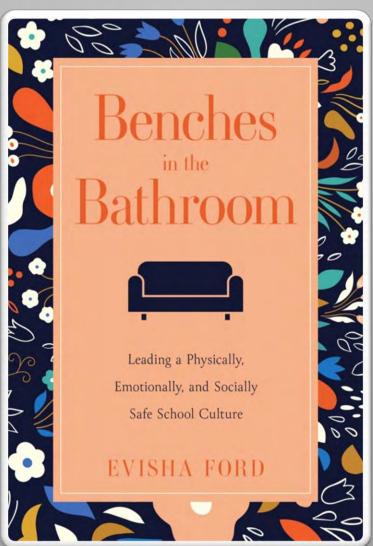
Students Support

- Increase chances of student attrition without adequate supports
- Accommodations need to support the students with academic and positive coping with the demands of the environment

Funding

- Lack of funding to provide the needed support
- Workforce Development RFPs that allow for collaborations between colleges and therapeutic settings





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