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Marlo Payne Thurman

Gifted Minds: The High Cost of Competing and Fitting In

Different and gifted minds are as critical to the survival of our human species as the concept of biodiversity is to the sustainability of the planet. But within traditional developmental world views, as a society, we emphasize competitive performance within increasingly "neurotypical" expectations. For gifted kids, perhaps more than any other population, this negatively affects development and in time, their overall wellness. In this session, Dr. Marlo Payne Thurman, will briefly discuss how gifted children differ in their thinking, learning, processing and even in their experience of the world. Dr. Thurman will then detail how these differences can ultimately take their toll on the emotional and even the physical health of today's gifted youth, targeting what can and should be done to help.

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About the Presenter

Marlo Payne Thurman Ph.D. began her career as a school psychologist. She eventually developed a special interest in meeting the unique needs of those individuals who were asynchronously developed and in high-functioning autism. Most recently, Marlo completed a landmark study proposing an alternative Sensory-Cognitive Difference Theory in the field of high functioning autism, based on her extensive discussions and interactions with diagnosed adults. This research is the foundation for her newest book *Autism is the Future*. Marlo lives in Johnstown Colorado.

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