

Dr. Suzanne Simpson

Speaker Bios

Short Bio *(72 words)*

Dr. Suzanne Simpson is a Canadian educator and speaker who has spent three decades working with young people. Her teaching has taken her from French Immersion classrooms to the Middle East, a youth psychiatric unit, and alternate education. Her doctoral research asked teens in crisis what they needed most from adults. Suzanne turns their answers into practical tools educators and parents can use right away to build trust and reduce conflict.

Long Bio *(178 words)*

Dr. Suzanne Simpson helps educators and parents connect with young people, especially when it feels hardest. Her message is simple: you can't influence a young person you haven't connected with first.

Suzanne is a Canadian educator with three decades of experience. Her teaching has taken her from French Immersion classrooms to the Middle East, a youth psychiatric unit, and alternate education. For her doctoral research, she sat with 25 teens in psychiatric care and asked what they needed most from the adults in their lives. Their answer was clear: support, understanding, and care.

Suzanne turns those answers into practical tools people can use right away. School staff leave knowing how to read the behaviour in front of them and respond without a power struggle. Parents leave with clear ways to get on their kid's turf and stay connected, even when their teen has shut down.

Audiences can tell she has spent her career in real classrooms; her sessions are filled with stories and life experience. Her Get on Their Turf podcast is available wherever you listen to podcasts.

Introduction for the MC

Please read as written. About 45 seconds.

Our speaker today has spent three decades working with young people. Her teaching has taken her from French Immersion classrooms to the Middle East, alternate education, and a youth psychiatric unit, where she did her doctoral research with teens in crisis.

She asked them what they needed most from the adults in their lives. What they told her changed how she works with teenagers, and it's the heart of today's session.

Whether the young people in your life are struggling or seem just fine, you'll leave with tools you can use right away.

Please join me in welcoming **Dr. Suzanne Simpson.**