

JENNY MOLENDYK-DIVLELI

Jenny Molendyk-Divleli was born and raised in Canada. Having spent most of her life around individuals with disabilities, she decided to pursue her education in Deaf Studies and American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation.

She attended the University of Manitoba and Red River College where she received a double major in Linguistics and American Sign Language. She later went on to receive her English as a Second Language teacher's training and in 2011 moved to Turkey with her husband and children.

In Turkey she opened Early Bird English, offering English language courses and educational consultation with a focus on play-based learning. Over the next nine years, she would go on to independently study various teaching methodologies and work as a teacher and help develop curriculum for various programs. She served as the education consultant for the English summer immersion program at the Tenzile Erdoğan Orphanage.

She is passionate about creating a dynamic learning environment whether at home or school and regularly gives workshops to other educators as well as homeschooling families. She is currently working as a teacher in both public and private sectors and is in the process of publishing her first children's book. She is passionate about the topic of Muslim identity in youth and dreams of establishing a community center for youth/young adults. She lives in Istanbul with her husband and five children.