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Dr. Kohler's research interests include inclusive education and meeting the needs of all students in various settings. She is a co-author of *Civility, Compassion and Courage in Schools Today: Strategies for Implementing in K-12 Schools*, *Success Favors Well-Prepared Teachers: Developing Routines and Relationships to Improve School Culture*, and *Meaningful Conversations: The Way to Comprehensive and Transformative School Improvement*. She is the Director of the UCA Mashburn Center for Learning, which provides professional development in methodologies designed to help academically struggling learners, and she has been a SIM Professional Developer since 1987. For more information on the UCA Mashburn Center for Learning, go to <http://aalimashburn.com/>.