

Port City Parent Exp

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Sessions and Presenters

Session 1

Children & the Law Room 112

Course Description: This session will provide parents with the basic knowledge of laws governing school attendance, discipline, custody, child neglect and abuse as well as other topics related to parenting.

Presenter: Judge ReeJ. Casey-Jones



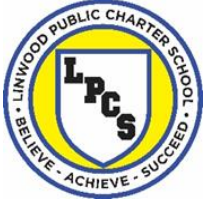
Judge Ree J. Casey-Jones was elected to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court on December 10, 2016. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 2000, thereafter obtained a Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center and was admitted to practice law in 2006. She is also a 2019 alumni of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada and completed a judicial fellowship at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Judge Casey-Jones is the presiding judge over the Family Preservation Drug Courts, Child Support, Adoptions, Juvenile delinquency matters, and the newly implemented STAR Court which is a court for youth who are victims of human trafficking. She frequently travels throughout the country visiting other courts and spends several hours learning new and innovative ways to provide fair access to justice to citizens in Caddo Parish.

Judge Casey-Jones is a recipient of the Angels in Adoption, a United States Congressional award for outstanding work in child welfare.

Judge Ree Casey-Jones was initiated in the Beta Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 2000 and has been an active member since her initiation.

She serves on the board of directors for the Claiborne Fundamental Magnet School, Cedar Grove Community Development Corporation, and the Pearls of Humanity Foundation.

She is an avid speaker and volunteers several hours throughout the state of Louisiana speaking and mentoring young people. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, Darwin Jones, a Captain with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and a Marine Corps Veteran and their son, Dawson Casey Jones.



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Session 2

Parenting 101: Structure, Routines, & Consistency

Room 115

Course Description: The aim of this course is understanding how structure, routines, and consistency are essential concepts to effective parenting. We will explore the strong links between these concepts and achieving success not only in the home but also in life

Presenter: Roderick Meaux



Roderick Meaux received a B.A. in Psychology from Grambling State University in 2003. He also earned a master's degree in Education from LA Tech University (Counseling), University of Texas (Special Education & Educational Leadership). He is a 2001 initiate and active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. of the Grambling State University Chapter. Mr. Meaux has been in Education for 18 years and has dedicated over a decade towards the Caddo Parish School system. He worked in many schools as a Behavior Intervention Specialist. Mr. Meaux's specialty primarily focuses on Specialized Education Early Intervention, Autism, and overall student behaviors.

In his current role with CPSB as an Autism Specialist, he works directly with children with neurobehavioral disorders, such as ASD, helping to service and support and determine what they need to reach educational goals, and/or gain skill sets. He finds innovative ways to implement changes within his department and works overboard to assure further advancement for the children that he services and his counterparts. He is a dependable worker whom others often call on for help and assistance to de-escalate problems and maintain a safe educational environment.

In his spare time, Mr. Meaux volunteers to work with adolescents through various organizations and provides valuable lessoning for the Youth and Men's Ministry at Galilee Baptist Church. He is a proud family man and has been married to his wife, Gretchen Meaux, for 15 years, who is an Auditor for the Department of Revenue of Louisiana. They both have one daughter, Gabrielle, and one son, Phillip, whom they cherish wholeheartedly.



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Session 3

Minding Your Money: Home Budgeting and Finances

Room 116

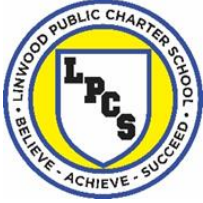
Course Description: In this course attendees will receive financial information pertaining to creating a home budget, managing home finances, credit scores, and how to repair your credit.

Presenter: **Dr. Alan Jackson, Jr.**



Dr. Alan Jackson, Jr currently serves as the Director of Financial Aid & Scholarship at Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA). Dr. Jackson has worked in the financial aid profession since 2008. Prior to returning to SUSLA. He served as the Financial Aid Director of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas as well as the Executive Financial Aid Director of Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Jackson remained active within the Louisiana Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He has provided numerous training sessions at conferences on a variety of financial aid topics and has been a member, chair, or co-chair of many committees.

Dr. Jackson is the founder and CEO of JMAX Realty. He is a top producing agent with the Northwest Louisiana Board of Realtors. He has sold over 30 million dollars in real estate since becoming licensed in 2015. He has been recognized for numerous awards which includes: Louisiana Realty 2015 Top Producer; Louisiana Realty 2016 Top Producer ;Keller Williams Realty Red River 2016 Rookie of the year! ; Keller Williams Realty Red River 2016 Millionaire Club; Keller Williams Realty Red River Charter Member Award ; Keller Williams Realty Red River 2017 Top Producer of the year! ; Keller Williams Realty Red River 2017 KW Cares Award for his 2017 charitable contributions ; Keller Williams Realty International 2017 Silver Medal Award ; Keller Williams Realty Gulf States Team Integrity 2017 Silver Award Keller Williams Realty Red River 2018 Top Producer of the year!;Keller Williams Realty International 2018 Gold Medal Award Alan is the owner of JMAX Credit Repair, LLC. JMAX has helped hundreds of clients improve their credit scores. Alan is a father of two boys and he prides himself on being able to mentor hundreds of male youth throughout his career. He believes the best example he can be for his boys is to lead by example. In addition to being an established entrepreneur and business owner; Dr. Jackson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology as well as a Master of Arts degree in Adult Education from Northwestern State University. He also holds a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from Nova Southeastern University.



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Session 4

How To Start A Business

Room 119

Course Description: Attendees will be presented basic information to consider when trying to start a new business.

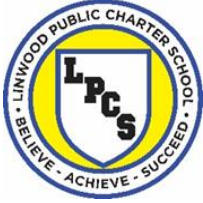
Presenter: Lyrae Norman-Kinchen



New Orleans native Lyrae Norman-Kinchen is an expert in the art of event design and remains an intricate creative designer reveling as the driving force behind the innovative Lyrae Norman Event Productions, LLC. As a certified wedding planner, she supersedes simply by having captivating the skill of design at a young age. Her mother, a then floral designer and tailoress was—a well-known designer of weddings and interior design. Mentored by her aunt, an accomplished politician who exposed Lyrae to her natural talent of public service, political campaigning, networking, and contract negotiating. Lyrae savors a versed background in business management and administration which attributes over fifteen years to an undeniable set of skills, training and certification equating to vast areas of planning and development. In reaching her professional career has allowed her to be trained on the job in the Hospitality field which launched her into event design and productions. For LNEP, negotiating, planning and strong interpersonal skills are the strengths and winning solutions exercised through coordinating and implementation of countless weddings, fundraisers, and social events. Now, since the 2020 Pandemic, Lyrae has launched another business, YOUNique Business Services and

Consulting, LLC in September of 2020 that offers strategic growth planning for businesses and fundraising development consulting to nonprofit organizations. Elating in her journey as a certified wedding planner, while leading with impeccable taste and a keen eye for detail, Lyrae relishes in a tenure upwards of thirty years. Her work has gained recognition as an elite wedding consultant in addition to her success as a fundraising developer. Her success has been built on listening, where she takes the time to fully understand her client's ideas, preferences, and goals. An expert in the art of design, Lyrae Norman Event Productions founder has earned a reputation for turning one's vision into a reality.

Well-traveled across the globe, Lyrae has lived abroad in Japan and studies many facets of the Japanese culture such as fine dining and festival celebrations. LNEP can create as elaborate as an intimate beach setting to as unique as the day-today fast pace of corporate gatherings. Lyrae and her team of seasoned professionals understands that vision is important to every client; therefore, client relationships are viewed as collaborative efforts—all of which are valued and nurtured to captivate one's vision. Thus, making it the central focus of planning and design. Lyrae Norman Event Productions believes that there is a sublime connection between the mastery of details that leads to the creation of astonishment. Defining projects have landed certified wedding planner Lyrae Norman an array of deeming opportunities by designing events for the likes of spectacular organizations as the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Louis Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp, Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus' Jazz Scholarship Brunch during Bayou Classic, The Hancock County NAACP, Xavier University Preparatory High School Alumni Association, The Asante Awards, The Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards, The Women Mean Business Awards or with The Party Café and Events as well as Watson Memorial Teaching Ministry to name a few. A Lyrae Norman Event Productions experience is believed to be one that ensures every occasion remains a special event. More importantly a chance to make great memories. Therefore, no matter what type of event one is planning, LNEP can bring your vision to life and guarantee you will make a lasting impression on your guests and constituents. Lyrae and her team has built a commendable representation by combining the client's ideas with LNEP's insight in pursuit of developing the perfect event designed, inevitably reflecting each client's personal style. The design mogul of LNEP has also cornered a niche within the entertainment industry providing the ability to secure various New Orleans musicians for performances at festivals, concerts and conventions amidst the United States and abroad.



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Session 5

Single Parenting

Room 122B

Course Description: In this course, attendees will learn first-hand from a mother and grandmother who successfully raised five children alone after the death of her husband.

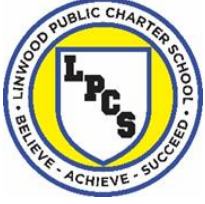
Presenter: Cheryl Moch Johnson



Cheryl Moch Johnson is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. She had been married 18 ½ years when she became a widow at 34 years old and was left with five children (18, 8, 4, 3, and 1 year old). Her journey as a single parent has had its challenges, twists and turns, but has been most rewarding.

Cheryl received a Masters in Social Work from Grambling State University. After graduating, she was employed at Louisiana State University Health Science Center as a Licensed Masters of Social Worker with Obstetrics/Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) patients, assessed the needs, referred them to agencies for assistance, provided brief supportive counseling and more. Her career commitment was to encourage women to take care of their health and empower mothers to make wise decisions for themselves and their children. She is presently retired and living in Shreveport, La. Cheryl is now a grandmother of 3.

Mrs. Johnson has published her journey in a book entitled “How I Made It Over: Memoirs of a SINGLE PARENT”. It is available on Amazon and will be sold during this event.



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Session 6

Co-Parenting

Room 122B

Course Description: This panel is composed of four parents who are currently engaged in healthy co-parenting relationships. They will discuss ways they have managed their relationships to meet the needs of their children and positively impact their future.

Presenters: Mr. Rufus Byrd Mr. Terrance Giles, Ms. Arlene Huling, Ms. Christiyon Moore