



# Port City Parent Exp

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## Session 1

### Parenting 101: Structure, Routines, & Consistency

**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), The 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 19 years and has dedicated over a decade and a half to the Caddo Parish School system. 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. His passion of helping others led him to work as a Special Instructor for Early Steps Louisiana's Early Intervention System in his spare time. He is a dependable worker whom others often call on for help and assistance to remedy problems and maintain a safe educational environment. During the Fall of 2022, Mr. Meaux was chosen among hundreds of applicants within the state of Louisiana to be a part of the Aspiring Principals Fellowship for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to this honor, he was also selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Aspiring SPED Leader Fellowship.

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 16 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 2A

### Single Parenting Room 1

**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 2B

### Co-Parenting

### Room 2

**Course Description:** Parents who are no longer together as a couple are still equally responsible for the healthy upbringing of their shared children. When co-parenting, parents must face not only the typical challenges of parenting, but also those that come with raising children in separate households. This session will provide a brief overview of possible challenges experienced while navigating co-parenting relationships. Topics include when rules are different in each household, how to effectively communicate concerns regarding the child, sorting out holidays and weekends, and more.

**Presenter:** *Arlene Huling, LMSW*



#### BIOGRAPHY

Arlene is a native of Mansfield, Louisiana, where she first ignited her passion for service and enhancing her community. She observed her grandparents, throughout her childhood, change the lives of so many children as foster parents. When Arlene learned about the social work profession, her heart was set.

Her foundational academic experience at the University of Louisiana at Monroe further engrained the importance of community. Arlene serviced foster and adoptive families while gaining valuable experience working at a child welfare resource center. Following her undergraduate program completion, Arlene made her way to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services as a Child Welfare Specialist in Foster Care.

Desiring ongoing professional growth and opportunities for advancement, Arlene acquired her Master of Social Work Degree from Grambling State University. After graduate school, she found her way to Volunteers of America where she continued supporting children and community. Arlene served as a Site Coordinator for Communities in Schools at Linwood Public Charter School.

An opportunity to service students as the school social worker presented itself and Arlene continued to build relationships with students, families, and the community. The experiences prepared her for her current role as the Dean of School Culture at Linwood Public Charter School, where she bridges the gaps between discipline and behavioral health.

Arlene currently lives in Bossier City, Louisiana, with her amazing son.

***Presenter: Teniquel James, MSW***



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Teniquel James is currently the Elementary Social Worker at Linwood Public Charter. Mrs. James obtained her Master's in Social Work from Tulane University. She has been a social worker for two years at Linwood Public Charter School. Mrs. James has a background in education with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and spent 10 years working as an educator before transitioning into social work.

She works effortlessly to assist students' staff, and parents with their emotional well-being. She believes that once a child understands they are loved they will travel to the end of time to make one proud of them. Her purpose in becoming a social worker was to still pour into children but to expand reach and access to children. Mrs. James is dedicated to the work of helping children be the best version of themselves, one child at a time.

Mrs. James is an educator, social worker, and mother. She has two daughters aged 13 and 6. She often refers to the students at Linwood Public Charter School as her children as well. She has a passion for kids and the work that she does daily.





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## Session 3 Children & the Law

**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 Ree J. 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 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 4 Mental Health

**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.

**Presenters:** *Arlene Huling and James Ross*

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## EDUCATION

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University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work  
December 2009

Grambling State University  
Master of Social Work  
June 2014

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners Licensed Master Social Worker 2015  
License #: 10856



## BIOGRAPHY

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Mr. James Ross is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana with over 15 years of experience in mental health. He attended the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) for his undergraduate education and obtained Master of Social Work (MSW) from Grambling State University. Upon receiving his MSW degree, James began working as a Mental Health Professional at a local behavioral health outpatient clinic. He also worked as a social worker at Louisiana State Health Science Center and Willis Knighton Medical Center.

Mr. Ross continued to matriculate in mental health by becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor (BACS). Mr. Ross provides supervision and consultation to social workers pursuing their MSW degree and state board licensure. Mr. Ross has completed the following certifications: Certified Advanced Social Worker Case Manager (C-ASWCM), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Masters Addictions Counselor (MAC) and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TFCBT), and Substance Abuse Professional (SAP). While working as a psychotherapist through his private practice at Patchworks Services, Mr. Ross provides therapy to adolescents, youth, and adults. James' area of expertise is trauma, substance abuse, depression, and complicated grief. Mr. Ross' treatment approach is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing. Mr. Ross provides individual, family, and couple's therapy. In addition to being a therapist, Mr. Ross volunteer coach and mentor in youth basketball and baseball. Mr. Ross is a dedicated father and husband.

James Ross, LCSW-BACS, MAC, SAP



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## Session 5A

### Minding Your Money: Home Budgeting and Finances

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**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.*



Born on July 2, 1982 to New Orleans native parents, Alan is fourth generation college graduate and business owner. Alan parents instilled in him the importance of education, working hard and helping others. These homespun values paired with his innate sense of optimism, compelled Alan to devote his life to uplifting his community through financial literacy, education, and homeownership opportunities. He is a Christian who stands on the principle “All things are possible to him that believeth” Mark 9:23

Dr. Alan Jackson is the Shreveport City Councilman for District E. Dr. Alan Jackson, Jr also serves as the Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships at Grambling State University. Dr. Jackson has worked in the financial aid profession since 2008. He was the former Financial Aid Director for Southern University Shreveport, Wiley College, and Arkansas Baptist College 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 and Real Estate Broker for Palmer Hall Realty. He has sold over 50 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 5B**

### **How to Start a Business**

#### **Room 2**

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

**Presenter:** *Amanda Flynn*



Ms. Amanda Flynn, MBA, BCA is Interim Director with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) at Southern University in Shreveport. Previously, she was a Business Advisor with the SUSLA SBDC and Dallas Metropolitan SBDC as well. Within the SBDC, Amanda assists clients in various areas of business development, with a focus on financial statement preparation/analysis, business planning/development, and procurement. Amanda has been a Business Certified Appraiser with the International Society of Business Appraisers since 2018 and has over 15 years' experience with Mergers and Acquisitions specifically private, middle market transactions. She recognizes the importance of collaboration with business owners, local government, and community leaders to identify opportunities and initiatives to

encourage the presence and retention of businesses in the Northwest Louisiana area. Amanda holds two degrees, Bachelor of Science in Finance (2003) and Master of Business Administration (2012), both received from Louisiana State University in Shreveport, LA.