

Let me introduce myself and thank you for considering me to serve on the Advisory Board.

My name is Jessica Hope Yeates, I am a 36-year-old resident and registered voter of Caddo Parish residing in Keithville, La. I was born in West Monroe, La and lived in Bastrop, LA attending school at Prairie View Academy, University of Louisiana at Monroe and am a current student at University of Arkansas taking online courses to finish my Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Criminal Justice while working fulltime at Geaux for Kids.

I have 3 children that attend Caddo schools (Lukas 7th grade, Parker 5th grade and Ella 4th grade). I am married to Chad Yeates that is employed with International Paper Co. In my spare time our family loves to go camping and travel anywhere there is water.

During my time at Geaux for Kids I have obtained certifications in O.U.R for Human Trafficking, Child Abuse/Mandated Reporting training/certificate from Gingerbread House, and Learn to Identify and Fight Trafficking (LIFT) from the Assistant United States Attorney, Earl Campbell.

My current job is the Program Coordinator for Geaux for Kids project Geaux Bags as well as Just Be-Clause: Geaux 4 Kids. We work with children in foster care to provide first night necessities as well as resources for the family's state wide in Louisiana. We are located in North West Louisiana as our home office but are also housed in all of the Family Justice Centers in Louisiana. We provide resources for all of Louisiana's most vulnerable children from foster care, human trafficking, domestic violence and any other case that may come about. We are currently working with all 9 Louisiana State Police troops as well as each Parish Sheriff and Police Department.

I believe that I could offer insight to the Board with my experience at my current job and also my studies in criminal justice.

Thank you again for the consideration.

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