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Team Seymore Program Authors & Contributors

Drug Prevention Programs created by Educators for Students

The Seymore Says, "Don't Be a Bird Brain" Avoid Drugs! Program has the unique distinction of being developed and tested by Educators.

Dara Lemoine-Johnson | Co-author

Dara Lemoine-Johnson is a dynamic Elementary School educator with 33 years of classroom experience developing and shaping 1st-grade students. Dara firmly believes Curriculum Development, Creative Lesson Planning, Utilizing Best Practices, Student Engagement and Classroom Management are keys to successful learning outcomes.



Dara is Co-founder of the Seymore D' Fair Foundation, and Co-Author of Seymore Says "Don't Be a Bird Brain" Avoid Drugs! Program. She has been an active part of the community through positions in parochial, private, and public school systems and has taught 1st. Grade

at Pontchartrain Elementary for the past 23 years.

She has numerous accomplishments and awards during her distinguished career including; consistently earning highly effective evaluations for the quality and creativity of classroom teaching, lesson plans and instructional materials used in teaching diverse subjects (e.g., language arts, mathematics, science, social studies), Teacher of the Year PES Elementary, Designated Model Classroom Accelerated Reader Program, Nominee Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science, College of Education and Human Development, Teacher Education Internship Southeastern University, WYES-TV12-Teaching That Works Award, etc, Teacher Education Internship Southeastern University, WYES-TV12-Teaching That Works Award, etc. *Dara has been married for 27 years and has 2 children. She holds a BA in Elementary Education and minor in Early Childhood Education from the University of New Orleans.*

Rebecca Marler | Co-Author

Rebecca Marler is a Louisiana Education System certified professional teacher with a diversified instructional career.

A veteran teacher with 40 years of experience, Rebecca is retired from Lafayette Parish School System and is currently a teacher and multi-sport coach at Cathedral-Carmel School in Lafayette, LA.



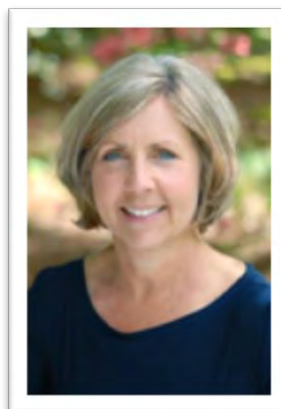
Rebecca is a board member for the Seymore D' Fair Foundation, and her teaching experiences include coaching and teaching Physical Education, Hospital, and

Homebound programs in the Lafayette Public School System. These programs include instructing students who were ill at home, hospital environments, as well as three Adolescent treatment centers in the Lafayette Parish School System. The last 25 years of tenure in the Lafayette School System were dedicated to the Genesis Alternative Program that included programs for pregnant girl's ages eleven years old through high school.

This period included Teacher of the Year while instructing at NP Moss Annex. She is currently teaching Physical Education at Cathedral Carmel School and has been one of the Athletic Directors for the past six years. Her current professional organizations include Louisiana Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (LAHPERD), Texas Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD). Rebecca was requested to present at the LAPERD Convention for the Lafayette Woman's Foundation on information used in the developmental classes for young girls. *Rebecca has been married for 32 years and obtained a BS in Health, Physical, Recreation & Safety Education with a minor in Special Education from Northwestern State University.*

Nanette Cook | Co-Author

Nanette Simon-Cook is a respected community leader and teacher with 33 years of experience. She is a program co-author and Education Consultant to the Seymore D' Fair Foundation.



Nanette has taught at all levels, from elementary school to university, in public and private schools. She presently teaches Physical Education at Cathedral-Carmel.



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In addition to teaching, Nanette Cook works as fitness, nutrition and wellness instructor at the Lourdes Fitness Center. She previously worked at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital as a Prevention and Wellness Activity Coordinator, and after schoolchildren's program director in 2004-2005. She previously worked as a Fitness Specialist / Health Educator from 1996 to 2004.

Nanette graduated from Our Lady of Fatima High School in 1976. Nanette's father, Al Simon served on the Lafayette City Council in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Nanette was inspired by his love for Lafayette and public service. As such, Nanette is currently severing the City-Parish Council District 7 and has the distinction of being the first female elected to sever on the Lafayette City-Parish Council. *Nanette has been married for 32 years and has five children. She earned a BS in Health & Physical Education from LSU and a MS in Health & Physical Education from USL.*

Lisa LeBlanc | Contributor



Lisa LeBlanc. M.Ed. CHES is a Senior Instructor and Program Coordinator in the Health, Promotion, and Wellness program in the School of Kinesiology at UL Lafayette. She has over 15 years of experience teaching health courses ranging from Drugs and Society

to World Health Issues and currently teaches and supervises Health Promotion and Wellness students. Lisa is a member of several professional organizations at state and national levels and has many local, state and national presentations. She is a nationally Certified Health Education Specialist and a Certified Online Teacher and Course Creator for UL Lafayette. she serves on the Board of Directors of Faith House and is a member and chair of scholarships for Zonta Club of Lafayette. *Lisa is a Lafayette native, married for 30 years and has one Daughter and two grandsons.*

Seton Jenkins | Contributor

Seton is a lifelong educator, and drug policy expert who is a program contributor to Seymore Says, "Don't Be a Bird Brain" Avoid Drugs Program and serves the Seymore D' Fair Foundation as our Drug Policy Advisory.



Seton is the active Program Director at Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition. GNODDRC works to prevent substance abuse through prevention, treatment and law enforcement for a safe and healthy community from early childhood through adulthood.

Among Seton's extensive experience, she was the former

Community Outreach Director/Grant Manager MHSD at Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

She has also held notable positions as Executive Director of Office of Drug Policy at Former Director of Drug Policy, State of Louisiana and served Governor Kathleen Blanco's Administration as the Director of Drug Policy. *Seton's educational background includes studies in strategic planning at American University here she received a MA, Theology from Notre Dame Seminary. She also studied English at the University of Holy Cross and went to Academy of Saint Elizabeth.*

Harold Patin | Contributor

Mr. Harold serves a program contributor and the co-inspiration for the development of the Seymore Says, "Don't Be a Bird Brain" Avoid Drugs Substance Awareness and Drug Prevention Program. He also serves the Seymore D' Fair Foundation as a Law Enforcement Advisor.

Harold's Drug Enforcement career has covered service in U.S. Army Intelligence, 1962-1965, Far East assignment, Special Agent U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and predecessor agencies, 1965-1982, Special Agent and Supervisory S/A, various assignments with POD New Orleans, LA, San Antonio, TX & Dallas, TX. Harold commanded units responsible for several cases of national and international impact. Among his many expertise, Harold specializes in drug & alcohol problems, screening, prevention, education and training in all areas of drug enforcement, abuse, screening, referral for treatment, etc. as well as Global Security, Homeland Security, Anti-Terrorism, Risk Assessment

