

# Audree V. Jones-Taylor

Director, Author, Practitioner and Educator  
*Making A Difference!*

An expert in creating community engagement, Audree V. Jones-Taylor is a visionary leader who promotes playing with a purpose and is dedicated to “Making a Difference” in the community she services. Committed to leadership, Audree is an inspirational and energetic professional with a passion for exposing, enlightening and empowering employees and communities through recreation, parks and conservation experiences.

With over forty years of experience in administration and managing, Ms. Jones-Taylor has a strong background Urban Programming and Recreation/Park Development with the profession of Recreation, Parks and Conservation with particular focus on connecting with the underserved communities. Currently serving as the Director of Oakland Parks & Recreation, Oakland, California, Audree is a professional consultant and trainer with a proven track record of providing programs that guide and inspire individuals, municipalities and corporations.

Growing up in a small middle class community in Southern California with a Marine father and a Nurse for a mother, Audree is the Mother of two adult children, DeOnte who received \_\_\_\_\_ and Donneshia, graduate of \_\_\_\_\_, has been married to Darrell Taylor of \_\_\_\_\_ years. As a published author, having written *All About Me and My ABC's*, Audree has created an enlightening, empowering, and electrifying ABC book for pre-K children to jumpstart their energy of play, creativity, and imagination through positive affirmations.

Holding a Master’s degree in Leadership from St Mary’s College of California, Moraga, California, a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, Redlands, California. She has received certificates for Marketing, Strategic Planning, and Developing a Winning Business Plan (Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute, in New Orleans, LA.) and is a certified trainer for the Prudential Life Insurance Youth Leadership Institute.

Audree has conducted training and or developed programs for the following organizations and businesses: City of East Palo Alto, City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, California Parks and Recreation Society, the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department, The National Recreation and Parks Association, Homeward Bounds Inc. ACTS Full Gospel Academy, The Kern County Human Resources Department through LL Brown Associates, and the City of San Bernardino Parks and Recreation. In addition to training Audree had successfully implemented non-traditional programs to children, youth and families for the County of San Bernardino JESD (Jobs Employment Services Department) office. As well as with the City of San Bernardino in developing the youth Unite As One workshop, and in the City of East Palo Alto in implementing the first annual Youth Summit and First Annual College Fair.

Audree serves on the Martin Luther King Freedom Center Board of Directors, the Hershey's North America Track and Field Board of Directors, Past President of the National Recreation and Park Ethnic Minority Society, Past Chair of the California Minority Association, Member of the National Recreation and Parks Association, (NRPA) She appeared on the cover of NRPA Magazine and featured in the magazine for changing demographics and received a Community Service award from the National Association Advancement of Colored People in 2013.

Other programs and activities under Audree's Leadership and direction include outdoor adventures, Aviation Lessons, Challenge/Rope Courses, Jr. Golf programs, Water Sports, intro to the Fine Arts (Music Dance, Drama, and Art) and work force ready programs.

Believing that she can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens her has set her focus and life on family empowerment. Audree V. Jones-Taylor brings passion and commitment to delivering quality and creative training and programs that has a profound effect on municipalities, individuals and communities; *Making A Difference!*