

John LaRue

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Summary of qualifications

Since 1979 has been involved in recreation programming for children, including; Playground design/sales for the BigToys playground company; president/trainer for Back2BasicPlay, Inc; director of therapeutic recreation program for children with traumatic brain injuries; camp director for chronically ill children; and activities therapist for the mentally ill

Education

SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY - 1989

MS, Recreation (Emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation)

SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY - 1979

BPS, Recreation (Emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation)

Professional experience

1991 - Current J.P. LaRue, Inc Little Compton, RI

President and founder for J.P. LaRue, Inc Responsible for all aspects site planning, community education and coordination of BigToys playground equipment sales for parks, schools, day care agencies and private facilities throughout New England and Eastern New York. In-house Educator and assists in Company's strategies for addressing compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and integrated playground component design for North America. *
www.jplarue.com

2003 - Current Back2BasicPlay, Inc. (non-profit) Little Compton, RI

President and founder for B2BP, Inc, focusing on utilizing cooperative and non-competitive recreational activities and Team Building exercises to address issues associated with Character Education in today's youth. Contributing writer to "More New Games" published by Doubleday, 1981 and has presented over 500 seminars throughout North America.
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Additional professional activities

1985-1991, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for New Medico Head Injury Rehabilitation Facility, Albany, NY; 1983-1985, Director of Volunteers and Assistant to the Founder of Camp Good Days & Special Times, Rochester, NY; 1979-1983, Activities Therapist for Strong Memorial Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Rochester, NY.

Recognized speaker on national, regional and statewide basis covering a variety of topics, including; Playground Safety, Americans with Disabilities Act (Play Areas), Children's Games & Play, Team Building initiatives and Character Education.

Professional memberships

Corporate-Professional National and State Memberships in a variety of Park, Recreation and Educational groups.

Certifications

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS); Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI); and Continuing Education Registered Provider with the American Society of Landscape Architects with SSI (all current)