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**LeRay Smith**

**Passionate school counselor with up-to-date American School Counseling Association knowledge and strong communication skills.**

Strong-minded and passionate aspiring school counselor ready to gain knowledge in the science of relationships with children through psychology techniques.

Enjoys nurturing relationships that build a bridge between people and services.

# **EDUCATION AND STRENGTHS**

**Lee University** (Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.) accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) (https://www.leeuniversity.edu/about/accreditation.aspx).

Masters of Science: Counseling Psychology, GPA 3.9/3.9 2019-2021

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology (Cleveland, TN) GPA 3.0/ 3.0 2015-2019

**Clifton Strengths**: Coach, Time Keeper, Deliverer, Strategist, Storyteller

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## School Counselor, Bess T. Shepherd, (Tennessee USA) 2022 -Present

* Counsel individual students from K-5th grade.
* Lead and facilitate group counseling weekly.
* Teach Social Emotional Learning Guidance lessons to Kindergarten-5th grade students.
* Collaborate with school personnel to meet the academic, personal, and social needs of the students.
* Respond to crises with responsive services.

##  School Counselor, Montessori Elementary at Highland Park, (Tennessee USA) 2021-2022

* Counsel individual students from K-5th grade.
* Lead and facilitate group counseling weekly.
* Teach Social Emotional Learning Guidance lessons to Kindergarten-5th grade students.
* Collaborate with school personnel to meet the academic, personal, and social needs of the students.
* Respond to crises with responsive services.

**IMPACT: Provided accurate school counseling environment and practices.**

## Teacher Assistant, Chambliss Center for Children, (Tennessee USA) 2017 -Present

* Aid in lesson plans for the kids.
* Organize daily activities and field trips.
* Teach 2-3-year-old, kindergarten- middle school children.

**IMPACT: Provided accurate learning environments, stability and care for children.**

**Intern, Red Bank Middle, Internship, Chattanooga** (TN, USA) Fall 2020

* Acted as a present School Counselor.
* Provided lesson plans, groups and individual counseling.
* Provided guidance lessons and group guidance within the school.
* Worked well in certain crises.

**IMPACT: Provided accurate school counseling environment and practices.**

**Intern, Big Ridge Elementary, Internship, Chattanooga** (TN, USA) Spring 2021

* Acted as a present School Counselor.
* Provided lesson plans, groups and individual counseling.
* Provided guidance lessons and group guidance within the school.
* Worked well in certain crises.

**IMPACT: Provided accurate school counseling environment and practices.**

**Table Team Leader, Evangelistic Singers, Lee University (**TN, USA**)** 2017 –2019

* Aid in organization of merchandise.
* Organization of money and group events involving merchandise.
* Maintain communication with other table team members and choir about certain events that involve EVS merchandise.

**IMPACT: Provided sales, maintenance and cash flow of merchandise between events.**

**Student Worker, Early Learning Center, Lee University** (TN, USA) 2017 – 2018

* Organize classroom and daily lesson plans.
* Teach 2-3-year-old.
* Aid in care of children.

**IMPACT: Provided care for young children.**

 **Assistant Teacher, Brainerd Baptist School, Chattanooga** (TN, USA) 2016- 2017

* Lead and took care of 3-year-old through 5th grade classes.
* Lead after school care program
* Organized daily activities and field trips.

 **Teacher, BX Crossroads/Celebrating Recovery, Chattanooga** (TN, USA) 2016-2016

* Looked after 1-7-year-old children.
* Organized nightly activities.

**Leader, Chattanooga Youth Advisory Council, Chattanooga (**TN, USA) 2014 – 2017

* Conducted meetings with other youth about issues going on in the community.
* Gave advice about issues that were happening in our individual communities.

**Community Service**

**Volunteer, Trinidad and Tobago, Youth Day, Lee University (**TN, USA)Spring**,** 2019

* Helped serve the community kids with art projects and games
* Serve food and organize other daily activities.

**Volunteer, Dominican Republic Worker, Lee University (**TN, USA) Summer, 2019

* Helped serve the community through building sidewalks and hosting church services.
* Provided kids with art projects and games, shoes, clothes.
* Served food and organized other daily activities that helped the community.
* Provided teaching of English to some of the younger kids through bible studies.

 **IMPACT: Provided care, food, and shelter for communities within the country area.**