

Jacquelyne “Dr. Jackie” M. Cody, Ed.D.
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Jacquelyne “Dr. Jackie” M. Cody believes that every person was put here for a reason, to fulfill a purpose. Bottom-line, once a person realizes their gifts and talents, and earns a living for these natural gifts and talents, then they are living heaven on earth- they are then successful and living the richest life known to humanity. Based on this theology and theoretical framework, Dr. Jackie has designed and created a prolific form of mental-educational-social-emotional-counseling approach called Life Advisement. The highest commandment is written on the Pyramids in Giza - "KNOW THYSELF." If an individual is too busy getting to know themselves and doing what needs to be done to earn a living from positively sharing their natural gifts and talents, then it is less likely for that individual to commit negative acts against themselves or anyone else, and more likely for society to see less degradation. These are Dr. Cody’s professional goals via Life Advisement. No matter the position she has held in the past as an Educator: Teacher, Guidance Counselor, School or District Administrator / Supervisor, Chief Executive Director of a Not-for-Profit, Author, College Professor, Parent, Parent Leader, Parent Liaison, and any other future positions, it remains her goal to effect significant positive change in the lives of individuals and society at-large.

Dr. Cody began teaching at the height of the crack epidemic, in a community where a number of parents and guardians were not pro-actively available to assist in their children’s education. So, a way to help children succeed whether or not they had social capital to support their dreams and aspirations was invented. Numerous effectual changes have taken place through programs and accomplishments she has initiated, created, and implemented. She is also affiliated with various professional alliances, received countless awards for her dedication to the world of Education, and is currently appointed to prominent positions throughout the City.

Dr. Jackie Cody is successfully experienced in educating potential educators, supervising educators, linking individuals’ gifts and talents with apposite vocation, and working with school communities as a team to effect great positive change in the lives of individuals and our society at large.

Dr. Cody received her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Dissertation title: “What do Black Students say about their academic success in a high needs, suburban school district? A Case Study of 11 Black, High-Achieving Seniors.” This accomplished and awarded Educator also has an Advanced Certification in Educational Administration and Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY; Supplement Training in the Teaching of Reading from Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY; and a Bachelors of Arts in African and Puerto Rican Studies from Hunter College, New York, NY. She also holds: New York City Department of Ed Chancellor’s Certificate of Eligibility, New York State School Administrator and Supervisor's Certificate, New York State School District Administrator Certificate, New York State Advanced Certification in Guidance and Counseling, and New York State Certification in Teaching.

Dr. Cody is the Chief Executive Director of CodyCares for Kids, Inc. in Brooklyn, New York, is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Co-Developer for the New York City Public Schools' (NYCPS) Citywide Leadership Team, serves on several Parent Leadership Councils, and Local and National Organizations. More information about this dynamic organization, CodyCares, and Dr. Jackie, can be found on the website at www.codycares.org. Dr. Cody is also the author of **The Power is in Your Hands: A Success Guide for Teens** which gives access to Life Advisement directly to the reader.

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DR. JACKIE’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Co-Developed the NYC Citywide Leadership Team (CLT)
- Successfully Organized Distinguished Educators’ Forum at Brooklyn Borough Hall
- Supervised early field experiences and clinical practices and provided curriculum development in pre-service teacher education.
- Increased High School graduation rate by 90% by creating and implementing student retention programs.
- Actively engaged annual student caseloads of 400 - 500 High School students.
- Reduced violence and gang activities through formed linkages with local youth officers in NYPD.
- Help made rough Communities desirable places to live: Coordinated High School Solidarity Unity Days to provide leadership skills, violence prevention, health awareness, community involvement, money management and economic awareness.
- Increased college enrollment: Conducted annual 3-day College retreats that allowed high school students the opportunity to experience, tour, and apply to various college campuses.
- Enhanced World of Work Awareness: Implemented Dress for Success programs and Semi-annual Career Workshops for representatives from corporations and local businesses
- Inspired future Educators: Coordinated Turn-Around-Days in which students were Teachers and Administrators.
- Provides Effective and Applicable Parenting Skills, Anger Management and other necessary Counseling Services to clients, and to some who are mandated by the courts.
- Generates a domino effect of success among teens and young adults via Teen Hall Meetings (THMs): Prepare students and clients to be Peer Life Advisors / Peer Leaders, Mentor students, and be Workshop Facilitators.
- Perpetuates social advancement of humanity through authored books
- Equips individuals with the tools and techniques to be successful students and productive individuals;
- Working to build the 1st **Youth Depot** in the United States- that will provide direct access to comprehensive-holistic services, resources, refuge, and activities for teens and young adults.
- Equips individuals ages 13 – 25 with the tools and techniques to be successful students and productive individuals; working to build the 1st Youth Depot in the United States- that will provide comprehensive-holistic services, resources, and activities for teens and young adults.

PUBLICATIONS

Author – *“The Power is in Your Hands: Success Guide for Teens”* (2022) *“How to Be Happy: A Guide To Finding True Purpose and Self-Empowerment”* (2008) *“Living in Eden”* (2000)
In Progress: *Super Children: The Power of Positive Choice*

Co-Author – *“Cradle to Success: A Guide for New Parents”* (2022)

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DR. JACKIE’S APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, & AFFILIATIONS

- Elected President of the Towson University Family Network (TUFN) Board
- International Association of Ministers Wives & Ministers Widows (IAMWMW), Northeast Region Muriel Johnson Providence Distinguished Service Award
- Advisory Board www.BlackFacts.com
- NYS Reparations Commission Candidate & NYS Reparations Committee (Co-Chair)
- National Action Network Maxine Lewis Leadership Award
- New York City Citywide Leadership Team (CLT) Co-Developer
- US Congressman Adriano Espaillat Recognition on outstanding educational impact for all NYC students
- Honored by NYS Senator Sanders to those who made great strides in the field of Education
- 500 Men Contemporary Giant Award
- Council of School Supervisors & Administrators (CSA) Parent Leadership Award
- Board Member of Towson University Family Network (TUFN)
- Board Member of the Churches United for Worldwide Action, Inc. (CUWA)
- National Action Network: Education Crisis Advisor and Liaison for the Eastern Region, Vice President of Brooklyn Chapter & Chair of the Education Committee
- Re-elected President of Manhattan High School Presidents Council
- Re-elected to the Community Education Council (CEC) District 22
- Re-Elected PTA of Repertory Company High School for Theater Arts Co-President
- Chair of the African American Clergy and Elected Officials (AACEO) Education Committee
- Brooklyn Borough President’s Education Transition Team- Eric Adams Administration
- Board of the Directors Boulevard Nursery School
- Award for Outstanding Achievements in Education - Association for Black Educators of New York (ABENY)
- Doctoral Fellowship & Scholarship for Advanced Graduate Study Ed Admin, Hofstra University
- Transitions, a Rite of Passage for Girls - United Federation of Teachers' Grant Awarded
- Brooklyn High Schools Superintendent's Recognition Day Award
- High Honor Awards for Academic Achievements at Brooklyn College
- Award for Outstanding Christian Services
- Life member of NABSE - National Association of Black School Educators
- Co-Founder of 100 Blacks in Education Who Care
- Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Society for Educators
- Life Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Past Elected Delegate for New York City Guidance Counselors for The United Federation of Teachers
- National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) & Professional Women (NAPW)