



## Meet the Founding Director of YLSS



Essie Childers, CEO of Mvita Consulting, LLC  
Founding Director of Young Ladies Success Seminar  
Christian • Educator • Author • Virtual Success Coach • Podcast Host

Essie has taught for 32 years of mentoring and encouraging students to visualize success to reach their academic and personal goals. Student success is her passion. She has won many local, regional, and state awards. In 2013, Essie published her first book, [\*Packing Tools for Success Beyond Middle School\*](#), and became the Founding Director of the Young Ladies Success, now a non-profit organization. In 2019, under the umbrella of Mvita Consulting, LLC, she became the Founding CEO of [\*Virtual Success Coaching\*](#). She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Tyler, Abilene Christian University, and Walden University recently completed a Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning. For more information, please visit <https://www.linkedin.com/in/essie-childers-bbb4898/>.

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## Meet the Co-Director



Dr. Jennifer Hurd is a member of the Young Ladies Success Steering Committee and has been a part of each year's program since 2013. She is an adjunct instructor for York College and works with children who have dyslexia in the College Station Independent School District. Jennifer earned her Ed.D. at Memphis State University in Curriculum and Instruction (Reading). She earned her B.A. in Elementary Education and her M.Ed. in Reading at Harding University. Jennifer is also qualified to teach English, reading, research, education, early childhood education, and study skills. She is the author of *Campus Companion*, an orientation text to help students transition to a college campus.

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Dr. Phebe Simmons is a life-long resident of Bryan/College Station and an A&M Consolidated High School alumna. She earned her B.A. from Texas A&M University in 1996; M.Ed. from Prairie View A&M in 1998; and Ed.D. in June 2008 from the University of Phoenix. She is an energetic, self-motivated, highly organized, dedicated, and compassionate professional. Dr. Phebe has a heart for working with families, couples, and individuals who seek peace and harmony in their lives through the Word of God. Dr. Phebe is a certified Anger Management Facilitator, For Kids' Sake Facilitator, Job Readiness Facilitator, Speed Reading Trainer, and Educational Consultant. Dr. Phebe serves as Director for Family Promise of Bryan-College Station, a program for children and their families experiencing homelessness.