



Andraedese Jones Mallette is a graduate of East Carolina University with a BS in Special Education and from North Carolina Central University with a Master of Education degree. She has been a licensed educator since 1980 with certifications in various areas of special education. Andraedese has also taught community college courses in typical and atypical child development and literacy. She has training and experience in play assessments for preschool children, literacy and recognizing developmental milestones.

Andraedese spent her career working for Wake County Public schools. For twenty-two years, she worked in the preschool department, now the Office of Early Learning, in various capacities – providing direct service to children and families; workshops and trainings for preschool caregivers; special education teacher on a diagnostic team; and as lead teacher, supervising as many as 25 teachers and case managers.

Andraedese was introduced to Project Enlightenment during her work with preschool services. First attending several workshops offered at Project, then by providing direct special education services to identified students in the Demonstration Preschool. She also encouraged parents and preschool teachers to use the resources offered at Project to support them as they work with children and to develop fun learning activities.

Andraedese enjoys traveling and creating jewelry through beading. She is married to Harold Mallette and they have four adult children and two grandsons. Along with her husband, she is co-founder of CEO – Community Education and Outreach, an organization committed to the healthy development of children, families, and communities.