

**John LaRue**

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**Summary of qualifications**

Since 1979 has been involved in recreation programming for children, including; representative for the KOMPAN & BigToys playground companies, president/trainer for CECR, Inc, director of therapeutic recreation program for children with brain/head 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**

Current J.P. LaRue, Inc Tiverton, RI

**President and founder for J.P. LaRue, Inc** Responsible for all aspects site planning, community education and coordination of KOMPAN & 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 accessibility and integrated playground component design for North America. 1991 - Current

Current CECR, Inc. Tiverton, RI

**President and co-founder for CECR, Inc,** focusing on utilizing cooperative and non-competitive recreational activities to address issues associated with Character Education in today's youth. Contributing writer to "More New Games" published by Doubleday, 1981 and has presented well over 500 seminars throughout North America. 2003 - Current

**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 on variety of topics, including Playground Safety, ADA, Children's Play and Character Education. Detailed speaking engagement list available upon request

**Professional memberships**

Corporate-Professional memberships in a variety of Park, Recreation and Educational groups throughout New England & New York

**Certifications**

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