

Director Sherrí Hansen brings over 35 years of youth education, program development and nutritional management experience back home to Mandeville. Her career work includes instructor with the [San Diego Zoo's Education Department](#), Personal Trainer and Nutritional Consultant with [24 Hour Fitness](#), Youth Health and Fitness Programs for [YMCA Virginia](#), Community Programs and Youth Education Department Director with the [San Diego Humane Society](#) and she opened and directed a new [Boys and Girls Club](#) facility serving Washington State. As a military family, relocations took place throughout her career, yet her focus remained on the education and mentorship of children in the community. At home in Louisiana with her husband and four young boys, she applies her expertise to support the specific needs of children and families in our community.

Sherrí applies her nutritional knowledge and experience with dietary restrictions (she has one child diagnosed with [Celiac Disease](#)) to all Culinary Kids curriculum. She is passionate about offering services to support dietary restrictions, allergens and special needs conditions in children and adults. She's served on the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, supports our local Blood Bank and Northshore Humane Society as well as countless area schools and special needs organizations. She's been honored many times over the years as a leader and mentor in our small business community, and is proud to say her business has so-far survived the strain of the covid economy.