

## Earline Russell- Smith

Earline Russell-Smith is the District Director of Adult Education/HSE.

A native of the Acona Community in Lexington, MS. Earline Russell-Smith currently resides in Coila, MS. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Jackson State University and her master's in education from Capella University.

Russell- Smith has over twenty years of experience in Workforce Development. Prior to her employment with Holmes Community College in July 2005, she worked as a workforce specialist with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

As the Workforce Coordinator and WIOA Director, Russell-Smith has worked with the Federal Workforce programs and Workforce Development. She also served as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) grant coordinator for the college three-year pilot program. Russell-Smith increased the number of students obtaining financial aid grants for the college through WIOA and SNAPS, and SNAPS grant enrollment has doubled from the previous years.

Additionally, Russell-Smith served on the Work Ready Community Board for Holmes and Attala County.

Russell-Smith is a member of Steele Chapel Independent Methodist Church where she serves as choir director. MS Association of Adult and Community College Education (MAACE), and Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE). She is also a member of Jackson State University National Alumni Association- Holmes County Chapter where she serves as secretary. She and her husband, Prentiss Smith, have three children: Prentiss Jr., Trentiss and Erin.