Dr. Kevin Yaudes has a master’s in Counseling Psychology and doctorate in Cognitive Science. He teaches psychology at the undergraduate level and counseling at the graduate level at McNeese State University.

He is responsible for the Kay Doré Counseling Clinic (KDCC) at McNeese which is a community counseling clinic. The clinic provides counseling services to individuals in Southwest Louisiana (SWLA) and serves as a placement site for students in the counseling program at McNeese. KDCC has an established collaboration with Sam Houston High School (SHHS) in Moss Bluff, Louisiana and because of this he came to see the need for a consistent and sustained effort to address suicide in SWLA. He created a Suicide Prevention and Education Program within KDCC. Through this, KDCC provides services and support to SHHS, conducts professional and educational presentation regarding suicide, will train all K-12 educators on QPR (an evidence-based suicide prevention training), and conducts research on the topic of suicide.

He serves on the boards of a number of local behavioral health clinics, serves on the state board for the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), and is a member of two suicide prevention coalitions. Dr. Yaudes has chaired the Lake Charles Out of the Darkness Walk for AFSP for the past three years and believes that addressing suicide prevention is a way to identify the challenges and needs of local, state, and national mental health systems in general.