JOSELINE HERNANDEZ PROJECT BRANDI PAUL MICHAELS







Name: Brandi Paul- Michaels "The Housewife"

Location: Miami, FL

Occupation: Stay-at-home mom

The Backstory... Brandi is a southern belle originally from Houston, Texas who had a career with a large insurance company. Her employer relocated her to Miami and Brandi soon found a group of single friends to party with. Brandi remembers the social scene in Miami consisting of going sporting events to meet ballplayers, club hopping, hitting up strip clubs and partying until 5 a.m. Brandi's life changed when she met her husband Todd, a Jewish attorney, at a Miami Heat game and the rest was history. They have an 8-year old son and an 18-month-old son who are a product of their rocky on-again-off-again relationship which eventually formed into a romantic love story. They have celebrated two years of marriage. However, being an African-American woman married to a Jewish man has its challenges. Many assume that Brandi is either a gold digger or a woman who has turned her back on her culture. It even took the women in their affluent community a long time to accept her. Once she and Todd had their second child, they agreed Brandi would quit her job and stay home with the kids. With the help of her nanny, Brandi is able to juggle motherhood and still find time to work out and take dance classes daily, which has also become her new passion.

Parenting Style... Brandi's husband's parenting style is *good cop, bad cop*. He likes to buy the kids toys and lets them do whatever they want because he travels a lot for work and feels guilty. That leaves Brandi to be the one to tell the kids what they can't do. Brandi says she likes her kids to have structure but she also likes to go with the flow. Since Brandi and Todd come from different cultural backgrounds, they try to compromise when it comes to raising the kids, but at the end of the day, whatever Brandi says goes. Although Brandi isn't part of a mommy group, she does have mom friends who she'll hang out with one-on-one.

Connections... One of Brandi's best friends who used to be a video vixen worked with Joseline years ago. Brandi also knows Real Estate expert Katrina Campins, who's longtime friend and client (NFL player Bryant McKinnie) is good friends with Joseline.

