

# The Importance of Art Programming in Juvenile Confinement

## Presenter Bios and Photos



**Michael A. Jones**  
**Managing Director**  
**National Partnership for Juvenile Services**

Michael A. Jones has twenty years' experience as a provider of training and technical support services to human service professionals in child welfare, juvenile justice, corrections, mental health, and at-risk education. He is the Project Manager for the National Center for Youth in Custody and is also the Managing Director of the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) where he oversees the administrative, business, and financial affairs. He has managed grants and contracts with cumulative totals in excess of \$10 million for several agencies and non-profit organizations on child welfare and justice-related issues. He assisted with the coordination and development of twenty national satellite videoconferences for the U. S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and he has managed numerous state and national conferences for groups ranging from 200 to 1,000 participants.

Mr. Jones played a key role in the initial development of the National Juvenile Detention Association's 40-hour juvenile detention line staff training curriculum. For NCYC, he will serve as Project Manager for the revision to the juvenile detention, juvenile corrections, and educator's training curricula, the development of a webinar series on evidence-based practice in detention, and the development of an applied leadership-mentoring program. He has conducted research with the Lexington (KY) Police Department on law enforcement and public safety issues. He also worked on a one year project with the Rapid City (SD) Police Department coordinating an independent survey on issues of crime prevention, law enforcement, public safety perceptions, and customer satisfaction as the agency prepared for an accreditation review.

Mr. Jones was a recipient of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's first Education, Arts and Humanities Service Award for his work in the human service profession and the NPJS' James Gould Award for Leadership and Vision. Mr. Jones received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.



**Joseph T. Szafarowicz**  
**Art Integrated Math Program Director**  
**Lucas County (OH) Juvenile Detention Center**

Mr. Szafarowicz earned his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Toledo concentrating in psychology and philosophy. He also holds teaching certification in Vocational Education and Social Psychology. During his 32 year teaching career 28 years were dedicated to working with disadvantaged drop-out prone youth 14 to 19 years of age at the junior high and senior high level. Since

2002 Mr. Szafarowicz has also worked with youth in detention developing art integration programming.

Mr. Szafarowicz has designed several programs for disadvantaged drop-out prone youth which teach academic and vocation skills through the study of art. In collaboration with the Toledo Museum and Toledo Public Schools Mr. Szafarowicz designed the Career Education Initiative Program which provided work experiences for students in the arts and the private sector. He has also co-authored the Art Integrated Math Program, AIM, which teaches Math through the study of art at the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Detention Center.

While working with youth in probation he designed the AIM Glass Experience Program for the Juvenile Detention Center Probation Services Drug Court which conducted glass experience classes in glassblowing and torch classes for students in Probation Services Drug Court at the Toledo Museum of Art. In June 2014 Mr. Szafarowicz, in coordination with the Youth Treatment Center and Toledo Lucas County Juvenile Court System, developed the Discovery Art Program. As director of the Discovery Art Program he oversees weekly classes and arranges tours of artists' studios, galleries, private sector businesses, and artists' demonstrations.



**Dan Jones**  
**Administrator**  
**Lucas County (OH) Juvenile Detention Center**

Dan Jones has been employed with Lucas County since 2002 when he started as a Juvenile Detention Officer. He subsequently became a supervisor and is currently the Administrator of the Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center. Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo. He now serves as a member on the University of Toledo's Criminal Justice Advisory Board and is Vice President of the Ohio Juvenile Detention Director's Association.

Mr. Jones first became interested in criminal justice working with adults as a Corrections Officer for the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio and as a police officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department in Charleston, South Carolina.



**Gerry Florida**  
**Title I Art Instructor**  
**Shuman Juvenile Detention Center (Pittsburgh, PA)**

Gerry Florida is an award winning assemblage artist who refers to herself as a professional "imperfectionist". Her work carries underlying messages of rebirth, recovery and reclamation through an array of salvaged and recycled materials that she employs in her jewelry creations and teaching style. Her strong beliefs and philosophy are born from her life experiences and multiple reinventions during her recovery from a chemical exposure accident in 1999 that left her homebound for 6 years. She teaches throughout the city with a special interest in working with at risk youth disabled and seniors.

Gerry teaches symbolically helping students to mobilize ideas, experiences and material resources to understand and incorporate the concepts of "empowerment" in their own lives, as well as the ability to survive in spite of our own imperfections and those surrounding us.

Reinvention of self, worth and beauty sometimes surface in versions that are far more interesting than the original...it is the life message she conveys through her work.

### **Information on Shuman Juvenile Detention Center (Pittsburgh) Art Program**

Gerry began her work with delinquent populations in 2009, piloting a volunteer jewelry arts program to Shuman Juvenile Detention Center, the first of its kind state wide involving the use of otherwise prohibitive tools in a detention setting. The program was immediately successful and followed with an invite to join the Title I Program as the art teacher presenting her jewelry arts program year round. As a result of her successful track record and incident free program, she was invited to introduce the work of her students at the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania State Conference. Most recently, thirty of Gerry's student works from Shuman Juvenile Detention Center were featured along with fourteen international artists in the world premier exhibition at The Society for Contemporary Craft titled "Enough Violence; Artist's Speak Out." The student exhibition was the result of her five year continual effort to externalize the work of detention youth while protecting anonymity in order to bring public awareness to the problems faced by this population and their rehabilitative needs. The response was overwhelming resulting in a traveling exhibit scheduled next in the City County Building in downtown Pittsburgh from July 14 to July 8, 2014 and an invite to the "The 2014 Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice National Conference" where she will again present her jewelry arts program as well as the traveling student exhibition of "Enough Violence".



### **National Center for Youth in Custody (NCYC)**

The National Center for Youth in Custody (NCYC) was launched in 2010 by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in response to the call from the field for assistance, leadership and support to improve and reform youth detention and correction facilities and adult facilities housing youthful offenders. OJJDP collaborated with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) to support NCYC's training and technical assistance resources. NCYC is directed by the National Partnership of Juvenile Services (NPJS). NCYC also is guided by a national Work Group of professionals, experts, researchers and youth and family representatives. <http://npjs.org/ncyc/>



### **OJJDP's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (OJJDP's NTTAC)**

OJJDP's NTTAC implements OJJDP's vision to centralize and streamline access to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention resources so that OJJDP can more readily get those resources to the field. OJJDP's NTTAC develops systems and processes to ensure that all OJJDP-supported training and technical assistance (TTA) services and products are easily accessible and facilitates information exchange and cooperation among OJJDP's 57 TTA projects, toward enabling them to do more with less by forming partnerships and sharing resources. [www.nttac.org](http://www.nttac.org)