

MAREAS

Comprehensive Therapeutic Services for Children & Families



Michael J. Ashley

Training Specialist

Michael brings a lifelong passion for learning in addition to his 30+ years' experience in the field of youth justice, training and development and corrections. Early in Michael's career he worked with the youth at risk population and gained invaluable, first-hand experience on many aspects of mental health. His passion for this population became the foundation and framework for his ongoing work in the field and subsequently followed into his roles as a Youth Services Manager and Sergeant capacities within the Youth and Adult divisions in the respective Ministries.

Michael's desire for learning and development continued in his volunteer role in the Health and Safety committee, answering Health & Safety related queries and providing technical support and feedback while drafting and developing standing orders manual for the Institution. Michael maintains a high standard of performance and integrity with each diverse work experience he encounters.

Michael's most recent role at the Ontario Correctional Services College as a Senior Staff Development Officer and MCSCS- Provincial Coordinator has afforded him the opportunity to train, design and develop curriculum for the college, in addition to developing strong working relations with other training partners throughout the province and abroad. Michael brings to the table the ability to provide expert advice and consultation on training issues and incorporate emerging trends in learning to Mareas, while integrating his personal style and sense of humor into all his training.

Michael has an ongoing commitment to continued learning, development and training and below is a list of most recent trainings:

- **Certified Instructor**- Mental Health First Aid for Adults who Interact with Youth
- **Master Instructor Certification** - First Aid/CPR/AED & Targeted Responder Program
- **Certified Instructor** - Suicide Awareness Program
- **Master Instructor Certification** - MSA/Fire Extinguisher Program
- **Certified Instructor** - Oxygen Administration AED/CPR Targeted Responder Program
- Essentials of Coaching & Performance (**OCSC**)
- Basic Principles of Instruction- (**OCSC**)
- Crisis Manager Training- Part A- (**OCSC**)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution-(**OCSC**)

Personally, Michael been involved as a coach within the community with Rep level boy's basketball. He is a certified coach with the Ontario Basketball Association. He has also been a Victim Services Responder with the Hamilton Police service and received the Hamilton Police Services Award in 2002 presented by Lincoln Alexander for his act of bravery.

Michael's dedication to family, is his daily motivation to be better. He loves basketball, reading, music and the ocean.