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Michael Nerney is a consultant in Substance Abuse Prevention and Education, with over twenty-six years' experience in the field. He is the former Director of the Training Institute of Narcotic and Drug Research, Inc. Previous to the Director position, Mr. Nerney held a position as a training specialist for NDRI. His particular areas of expertise include Psychopharmacology, Adolescent Chemical Dependency, and Managing Violent Incidents.

Mr. Nerney's understanding of adolescent issues is drawn from twelve years' experience as a teacher and coach at the junior high and high school levels. He went on to add four years' experience in the chemical dependency field as a chemical dependency counselor and Director of the Drug Abuse Prevention Council in Hamilton County, NY, before joining the staff of NDRI in 1984.

Michael Nerney is an internationally known lecturer, and has served as consultant to a number of federal and state agencies, including the National Office of Drug Court Policy, the National Office of Juvenile Drug Court Policy, the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the New York State Education Department, Department of Social Services, Division for Youth, Department of Correctional Services, Division of Parole, Division of Criminal Justice Services and Governor's Office of Employee Relations. Mr. Nerney has also provided consultation on drug courts and other areas of training and technical assistance in 49 states across the country.

During 2016, Mr. Nerney worked extensively with the Department of Justice to research and create presentations related to understanding and responding to the current opioid addiction crisis.

Every year Mr. Nerney meets with small groups of students at the middle school, high school, and college levels to research current drug trends. With this information, combined with the latest findings in social and scientific research, he develops training programs for school administrators, counselors, teachers, and parents.

Mr. Nerney served as the consultant in the development of the learning centers for the Eckert Drug Quiz Show in New York State. He has been a consultant for two of the major television networks and appeared on the ABC program 20/20. He is the father of four children.