

**Chris Nicastro**

Chris Nicastro, LPCC-S works for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as the Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Justice Services. Chris started his career in Cuyahoga County working with youth in a treatment program that served as an alternative to ODYS. He has worked in both urban and rural jails providing direct services and reentry planning. Chris has served as a program manager for a forensic ACT team, led a jail diversion treatment team, worked in the Franklin County Mental Health Court, and has trained CIT officers. He spent seven years at The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction as a Mental Health Administrator for three Ohio prisons.

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