

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Michael R. Jones**

Mike Jones is the Criminal Justice Planning Manager for Jefferson County, Colorado, where he supervises six criminal justice planning/analytic or project management staff. His major responsibility is to facilitate the systemic, strategic planning and coordination initiatives of the county's policy-level criminal justice coordinating committee. Specifically, he and staff provide the committee with information and data about jail use, criminal case processing, new legislation and local policies, countywide trends and forecasts, as well as ideas about and plans for improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and coordination of the local criminal justice system (e.g., incorporating evidence-based practices). He and staff manage systemwide improvement initiatives that criminal justice agencies do not have the resources or expertise to do.

Mike Jones serves as a part-time consultant for the National Institute of Corrections. He performs Justice System Assessments, assists local jurisdictions in developing or improving a criminal justice coordinating committee, and is authoring a guidebook that describes how jurisdictions can staff their criminal justice coordinating committee. He also has worked with several other national criminal justice organizations.

Mike Jones received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. His main areas of interest include criminal justice strategic planning, coordination, and analysis; using data and research to inform decision-making; evidence-based practices; and the assessment and treatment of juvenile delinquency. He has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals.