



Biography for James E. Copple

James E. Copple has a long and distinguished career in education, substance abuse, and crime and violence prevention. A nationally recognized speaker and writer in this field, Jim has served as the Founding President of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the National Crime Prevention Council in Washington, D.C., and Director of the International Institute for Alcohol Awareness for the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. Over the past ten years, Jim has facilitated 14 statewide summits on Methamphetamine Prevention and Enforcement, numerous summits on violence prevention, gun prevention, and comprehensive planning on alcohol prevention among underage youth. He has delivered major addresses in every state of the union and spoken in twelve different nations, including a major facilitation between the Israeli and Palestinian Authority on youth substance abuse and violence prevention. He has brokered agreements between non-profit agencies and federal funding sources to assist communities in providing services in substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Jim has authored two major pieces of legislation, the Drug Free communities Act and the Crime Free Rural State and Communities Act in the Department of Justice Reauthorization Bill. He regularly consults with states and communities on model state statutes and local ordinances related to drug abuse, gang violence, and underage drinking.

Jim has done doctoral work in education at the University of Kansas and taught history at Eastern Nazarene College and Boston College. He has been an adjunct professor of education at Wichita State University and was a Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Wichita, Kansas. He has served as a public school teacher, building principal, and negotiator for the American Federation of Teachers.