

2010 CEAO Teacher of the Year Finalist



Mary Ann started teaching at NCCI in 1998 as an ABE/Pre-GED teacher. From 1999 to 2005 she was a special education teacher at NCCI and MCI. Since 2005, she has been a literacy/IPP teacher at NCCI. Before moving back to Ohio, she worked as a special education teacher at Impact House, a private medium secure facility for adjudicated youths in Jacksonville, FL. Prior to that, she worked seven years for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections also as a special education teacher.

She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and a Master of Science Degree in Special Education of the Emotionally Handicapped from the University of Arizona. She says, "Teaching is a career change for me. I graduated from the Twin City School of Radiology and I am a registered X-Ray technologist. I continue to work part time as an x-ray tech at Marion General Hospital."

As a teacher, she believes everyone has strengths and can realize some kind of success when you build on their strengths. She says, "I, as do my fellow literacy teachers, work to individualize my students; lessons and find their strengths".