

Jerome Shabazz

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Executive Director

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Education

MS, Environmental Protection & Safety Management - St. Joseph's University

BA, Organizational Management – Eastern University

Jerome Shabazz is the founder and Executive Director of JASTECH (Juveniles Active in Science and Technology) Development Services, Inc. A not-for-profit organization developed in 1998, to promote environmental justice; encourage sustainable design and to promote public health in urban communities. In 2002, JASTECH applied for and received a US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant under the Clean Water Act to establish the Overbrook Environmental Education Center (OEEC), a community-based center dedicated to preserving our built and natural environments.

Under Mr. Shabazz's direction, the OEEC completed a Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) and remediated environmental hazards from a Brownfield site in Western Philadelphia. The OEEC has trained thousands of students on the Clean Water Act and Toxic Substances Control Act, and other topics that reduces human exposure to toxic substances at home and school. The OEEC is nationally known for its Environmental Justice and project-based learning programs.

Prior to working in the non-profit sector, Mr. Shabazz worked for 25 years in Water and Gas utilities. He served as Safety & Training Manager at the Philadelphia Gas Works - LNG Processing Division and was responsible for 49 CFR §193.2713 training in operations and maintenance; trained personnel and contractors on safety issues, codes, regulations, departmental standards, corporate policies and procedures. He also worked in the training, engineering and operations divisions at the Philadelphia Water Department.

Mr. Shabazz is an adjunct professor and educator at both Community College of Philadelphia and Penn State University. He has received numerous citations and awards, most recently from the PA House of Representatives – PA Legislative Black Caucus; City Council of Philadelphia and the Environmental Protection Agency for his commitment to Environmental Justice.