



## **Onarga Academy Executive Director Dennis Wiley**



Dennis Wiley began working at Onarga Academy in 1993, as a clinical supervisor. After only 1-1/2 years, he was promoted to clinical director for a brief period before stepping in as acting executive director. Since 1996, he has served as Onarga Academy's executive director.

His prior experience involved 14 years of highly intensive mental health knowledge and skill in a psychiatric hospital environment, working with both adults and adolescents, as a mental health specialist, family therapist and program manager.

His initial child welfare experience began in Marshall, MO at Butterfield Boys ranch, as a counselor in a group home setting.

He received a master's degree in social work from Loyola University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in social work from Murray State University.

Dennis has been instrumental in the growth of Onarga Academy's campus during his 17-year tenure, including: Two new buildings, housing 5 unique treatment programs, offices and a state of the art cafeteria; The transitional living program, complete with a new home; a new group home; the Cornerstone Café and Gallery and privatization of the on-campus Jr/Sr high school, complete with technology focused classrooms.