

## The Founder and Author of The Career Key™ and The Self-Employment Key™



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In addition to the Career Key™, he has developed three other career guidance instruments used by career counselors, Occ-U-Sort, the Career Decision Profile™, and The Self-Employment Key™, and is the author of the Encyclopedia of Career Change and Work Issues, selected as one of the "Outstanding 1993 Reference Sources" by the American Library Association. His most recent book is Job Skills for the 21st Century, A Guide for Students.

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Jones received the annual Professional Development award of the American Counseling Association, and he is a National Certified Counselor.

He was born in Fargo, North Dakota and raised in the Central Valley in California. His high school counselor told him that further education was not in his future. At the urging from a former teacher and after being held up at gunpoint several times in his part-time job as a liquor store clerk, he attended and graduated from California State University in Sacramento. He was the first in his family to attend college or graduate school. From 1963 to 1966, he was a secondary school teacher at Tarsus Amerikan Koleji, Tarsus, Turkey. He is married to a former school teacher and librarian, Jeanine Wehr Jones, and they have two children and three grandchildren.