



D. Louise Garrett, LCSW

Ai Board of Directors, Director Emeritus

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Retired

Louise joined the Board of Directors at Access Independence, Inc. (Ai) in September 1996. She has served many terms and multiple times as an Officer. She rejoined in June 2020 and was Board President until her resignation in June 2022, when bestowed Emeritus status by the current Board Members. Louise has a lifelong history of volunteerism and community involvement including Star Tannery Volunteer Fire Department, Faith in Action, NASW-VA, and E.A. Hawse Health Center.

Louise is passionate about serving on the Board at Ai because she believes that Ai serves as a valuable resource and support for persons with disabilities.

Louise received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at James Madison University and a Master's Degree in Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University. She attained a clinical license (LCSW) shortly thereafter and opened her practice - New Vision Counseling Services. In addition to private practice, she worked as a Medical Social Worker for Valley Health and VA Medical Center until her recent retirement. Helping others has been both a professional and personal desire and goal.