



Donna Day

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Specialist

Donna Day joined Access Independence, Inc. (Ai) on August 24, 1998 as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist. Ai's Technology Assistance Program (TAP) is managed by Donna. She attends community events offering TAP demonstrations, skill training, and installations. In July of 2017, Donna set up a TAP demonstration site at Ai to provide education, awareness, and other services related to hearing and communication. In addition to being a Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist, Donna has also taught numerous ASL classes around the community; such as: Parks and Recreation, Lord Fairfax Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, and Independent School of Winchester (private progressive school). She is currently teaching at Shepherd University in West Virginia, and has been there since 2019.

Donna grew up mainstreaming into oral public schools, where she did not encounter another deaf person until 1980, when she met and made a deaf friend, then learned American Sign Language (ASL). Donna then formed Ai's first Deaf Club and Deaf Coffee Chats in Winchester in 1999. Donna's hobbies are quilting, baking, and playing with her five grandchildren. She is passionate about her job at Ai, and loves to teach sign language and Baby Signs.

Donna received her Career Studies Certification from Lord Fairfax Community College with Sign Communications in 2004. She graduated from Lord Fairfax Community College with a Liberal Arts degree in Communications in 2009. She has received two other Certifications of Completion in her role as a Deaf Interpreter in 2003. She earned her Baby Signs Certification in 2009.