



Irene Perez Hardesty

President, Ai Board of Directors

Master of Social Work  
Shenandoah Community Health Clinic

Irene Hardesty has been a dedicated member of the Ai Board since 2019 and has served as its president for the past three years. A licensed Master of Social Work, Irene provides therapy to youth in Shenandoah County Schools through the Shenandoah Community Clinic, where she has volunteered as a social worker since 2004.

Her professional background includes service with hospice, the Veterans Administration, advocacy work, and commitment to individuals with disabilities. Irene's commitment to community extends beyond her profession; she volunteers actively with her church, as a mentor, and participates in supporting continued education.

In addition to her long-standing dedication to individuals with disabilities, Irene is passionate about supporting at-risk youth, promoting adaptive sports, and advancing opportunities through education.

Among all her achievements, Irene considers her family; especially her grandchildren and her role as "Nana," to be her greatest joy.

Irene holds a Master of Social Work from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, and a Bachelor of Social Work from University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC.