



Julie Ann Lewis Shoeman is a native of Virginia and a proud transplant to West Virginia since 2019. After living in Florida since 2003 and raising her children, she relocated back north to pursue higher education. She graduated with honors from Gallaudet University in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is currently working toward her Master of Social Work, which she will complete in May 2025, followed by a Master of Public Administration in May 2026. Julie Ann has completed several internships with organizations such as Deaf DAWN, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Born into a hearing family and raising four hearing children, Julie Ann experienced firsthand the challenges of inaccessibility as a Deaf individual. This personal journey has shaped her commitment to advocating for accessibility, mental health, and disability rights, and she applies this dedication to improving resources and awareness in West Virginia.

Julie Ann serves on the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing board (WVDHH), as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and GILAC. Additionally, she enjoys working as a CoNavigator/SSP and as an interpreter for DeafBlind individuals utilizing ProTactile. She finds fulfillment in serving others and supporting them in achieving their goals.

As a former professional photographer, Julie Ann enjoys capturing the beauty of West Virginia on her walks, watercolor painting, reading, writing, engaging in ministry, and spending time with her mini dachshund, Lily, as well as her family and friends.

She is honored to serve on the WVDHH board and contribute to advancing the rights of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing West Virginians.