

Biographical Information

DIANE A. MENIO

Diane Menio joined the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE) in 1989 and since 1995 has served as its executive director. CARIE is a multi-service advocacy organization, founded in 1977, assisting frail older adults and their caregivers, advocating for policy changes and providing training and education to improve their quality of life. CARIE led the first LGBT Elder Summit in Philadelphia and helped to launch the LGBT Elder Initiative and Ms. Menio was a member of the first board of directors. Ms. Menio has trained extensively in the detection and prevention of abuse in the home as well as in institutional settings and other issues affecting older adults. In addition, she has consulted with the PA Department of Education and the Health Care Financing Administration (now Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) to develop abuse prevention training for practitioners. She has co-authored several articles on elder abuse and neglect and is a co-author of the book, "Abuse Proofing Your Facility." She received a Master of Science in Gerontology from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Ms. Menio serves on numerous boards and workgroups and is currently a member of the Advisory Council for Elder Justice in the Courts sponsored by the PA Supreme Court and was appointed by Pennsylvania's Governor to serve on the Long-Term Care Council. In 2007, she received the Advocate of the Year Award from the SeniorLAW Center, in 2009, the United Way of Southeastern PA's Impact in Health Award, and in 2015 the Shepherds of Peace Award from Good Shepherd Mediation Services and the Charles Ewing President's Award from the Eastern Pennsylvania Geriatrics Society. She has held adjunct positions at St. Joseph's University Master's in Gerontology program and at the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.