



Susanna Peyton, RN, MSN

Susanna Peyton served as the Operation House Call Parent Coordinator from 2006 to 2011, after volunteering with her family in this program for the previous ten years. She developed several new aspects of the program, including participation by co-teachers with developmental disabilities and a website offering resources for medical student instruction and feedback. Susanna helped to facilitate the program's transition to The Arc of Massachusetts in January 2011. Now she is pleased to serve as Program Advisor, available for training and support to our new Operation House Call coordinators.

Susanna is also a nurse, specializing in adult mental health, and she has worked part-time at Emerson Hospital's Behavioral Health and Addictions inpatient unit since 2003. Her first job in the mental health field was as a counselor in a group home for adults with concurrent developmental disability and psychiatric diagnoses. This work experience inspired her to enter the field of nursing which focuses on preventative health care, patient teaching, and professional collaboration and communication skills. Her nursing career has spanned emergency room psychiatric triage nursing, clinical nurse specialist teaching roles and program management, and inpatient psychiatric and addictions staff nurse positions in state hospital and general hospital settings.

Susanna and her husband, John Campbell, have four children; their oldest has Down syndrome and is now age 25. As a parent, Susanna served as co-chair of the Central New Jersey Down Syndrome Association for two years prior to her move to Massachusetts. In Lexington, Massachusetts, she served one year as co-chair of the Lexington Special Education Parent Advisory Council. As a parent volunteer, she created the family directory for the LABBB Program, a five-town public school collaborative for students with special needs. Recently, she and her husband have been involved with a small group of parents who have set up a household for five young adults, which includes their oldest son. The five families work with TILL Inc. to provide support for the young adults in their home.

Susanna obtained a BA in Latin American Studies from Wesleyan University, CT in 1977 and a Masters in Nursing, Adult Mental Health and Psychiatric Care from the Yale School of Nursing in 1983. Among her favorite hobbies are speaking Spanish, traveling, and music.