

Lois R. Durrah has worked in the human services and disabilities field for over 25 years; specifically, in the areas of Day and Employment. As the Vice President of Employment & Community Supports at the Charles Lea Center her daily aim is to assist people realize and pursue every opportunity to live life beyond obstacles and hindrances. She has presented and participated with various forums across the state and region to assist providers develop programs that support community inclusion, employment and transitional services for persons with disabilities. She is the president of the South Carolina chapter of the Association of Professionals Supporting Employment First and holds the distinction of being a charter member of this organization.

Lois has an intrinsic drive and passion to see people realize the possibilities inherent to a purposeful life. She is passionate about challenging others to reconsider the dynamics of how they think, speak and live. She holds a Bachelor's in Psychology, and dual master's degrees in human services-Executive Leadership, and Professional Counseling. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Associate and a National Board-Certified Counselor. She has also earned certifications as a trainer of Person-Centered Planning, Servant Leadership, and Instructional Design. Lois is a licensed minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serves in various ministry capacities at New Hope Christian Church, including that of Chief Adjutant, Director of Couple's Ministry and frequently teaches Bible studies.

Recognizing that her first ministry is to her husband, Pastor Darnell Durrah, she faithfully serves alongside him in ministry and in their business, D & L Enterprises. As a wife she proudly and with humility bears the privilege of this calling with an intentional and purposeful mandate.

Minister Durrah is also the mother of two beautiful accomplished daughters, Asha and Chelsea, and one son-in love, Joshua.

Her life motto is "you can change the altitude of your life by changing the attitude of your mind."