

Ann Ditty
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Ann Ditty received her undergraduate degree from Missouri State University (Child Development) and a Master's Degree from Central Missouri State University (Sociology/Children Studies and Gerontology). Ann's wrote the "History of Child Care Regulation in Missouri " as her thesis for this Master's program. During Ann's 28 years working for the State of Missouri she was responsible for child abuse/neglect investigations, foster care placements/licensing, adoption services, and during her last twenty years held multiple positions with Missouri's child care licensing programs. Ann also served for several years as a Licensing Consultant for a Kansas City non-profit (LINC) that provided after-school child care programs for the Kansas City elementary schools.

Ann served in various positions on the NARA Board of Directors for fifteen years (including NARA's President from 2006 - 2011). Ann retired from her state licensing position to work on various projects for NARA in collaboration with Carolynne Stephens. Ann and Carolynne collaborated with others to create and develop the online licensing coursework and licensor credentialing programs in partnership with the University of Southern Maine/Muskie School of Public Policy. Another project during these years was the development and publication of NARA's policy paper "Strong Licensing". Ann also served as a member of the National Eco-Healthy Advisory Board and the National Pandemic Advisory Committee for the Center of Disease Control.

Since 2011, Ann has earned a Certificate of Ministry from the Austin Presbyterian Theology Seminary and has worked as a Chaplain for Saint Luke's Hospital and the Serenity Grief Center and currently serves as a Hospice Chaplain.

Ann and her husband has three adult children and currently seven grandchildren (six by adoption and more are on the way).