

Joan Devine



Joan Devine was born in Chicago, Illinois, and currently lives in St. Louis, Missouri with her husband of 47 years. She is the proud mother of two daughters and has nine incredible grandchildren.

Joan holds a B.A. in Music Education/Music Therapy, a B.S. in Nursing and a Masters in Management Her experience in healthcare spans over 35 years, starting out as an Activity Director, with most of her career in leadership positions in both long-term and acute care. As Joan has supported nursing and clinical services, she has worked to incorporate person-centered care practices into her work.

Recently retired, Joan had served as Director of Education for Pioneer Network (PN), a national organization whose mission is to empower a network of senior living and care communities by fostering person-directed practices and environments. In her role at PN, Joan led the development and implementation of educational programming for the organization, including the annual conference, held both live and during COVID, virtually. Joan continues to work with PN on special projects, including the annual conference. (Note: PN recently entered into an alliance with [The Greenhouse Project](#), both now operating under the umbrella of The Center for Innovation.)

Joan is an Eden Educator, Mentor, and Guide. She has served on the board of OARC since 2021, is a founding board member of the [National Association of Long-Term Care Volunteers](#) (NALTCV) and long-time board member and past president of [Missouri Coalition for Care, Continuum, Change](#) (MC5), the Missouri state culture change coalition. Joan has had the privilege of speaking for state, national and international organizations including: Pioneer Network; American Association of Medical Directors (AMDA); LeadingAge; American Health Care Association; Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (Walk With Me); Capitol Care in Edmonton Alberta Canada; and The Eden Alternative. Joan has been published in a variety of long-term care trade magazines, including Caring for the Ages (AMDA), McKnight's Long-Term Care, and she is the author of the book "Word of the Week: Creating a Culture Change Dictionary."

It was through Joan's affiliation with Pioneer Network that she was first introduced to OARC, and through her friendship with David Kent that she came to see the incredible work of the organization. Joan hopes to be able to bring her passion and perhaps a different perspective to the Board based on her experiences in the US and to help promote the mutual commitment to person-centered care and envisioning a new culture for aging services.