



## **Judy Ratliff, LCSW**

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the community, with a practice of psychotherapy and counseling for individuals, couples and adults from adolescents to centenarians. I became interested in the needs of older adults when my mother needed to enter an assisted living facility. I realized first hand the impact of this event, not only on my mother but on me and the rest of our family. I became aware of the limitations of care-giving facilities, as well as their positive aspects, and sought ways to have a meaningful influence on how care is delivered to older people.

When I participated in Leadership Fairfax, Inc., Verdia Haywood spoke with us. I told him I was a community mental health professional and wanted to become more involved in Fairfax County's programs for older adults. He suggested the Fairfax County Long Term Continuing Care Council. I am very proud that I was able to become a member and very proud of the accomplishments of the Council.