



**Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership (GaPMP)
2010 Annual Leadership Conference**

Oct. 13-14/ Pre-Sessions Oct. 12

The Georgia Center, UGA Hotel & Conference Center, Athens

EFFECTIVE LEADERS DISCOVERING A NEW WORLD IN EDUCATION

TUES. OCT. 12

PRE-SESSIONS AND EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION

12.00 p.m.

Pre-Sessions/Registration

Lobby

1:00 p.m.



Positive Behavior Intervention

Ms. Ginny O'Connell

And Supports

GaDOE Program Manager, PBIS

PBIS is sweeping Georgia! Family Engagement in PBIS is introduced in this high-energy workshop that will focus on best practices at school and at home as well as explain how the GaDOE is implementing PBIS across the state. There also will be a group discussion on how to coordinate positive behavior supports between home and school. **Directors and Mentors with systems currently implementing PBIS are encouraged to attend this session.** If you are a system wanting to learn about positive behavior supports this will be an informative session to get you started.

Student Led IEPs

Ms. Cindy Saylor and Colleen Lambert

Partnerships For Success and (SPDG) ASPIRE

Self determination begins with the student and it also influences the parents. Not only do students develop self determination skills, but also systems see an increase in the parent IEP attendance rate This highly-successful model, launched several years ago by the Georgia Council for Developmental Disabilities with Partnerships for Success, is now being introduced in some Georgia districts through the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG), in an initiative called ASPIRE. *Directors and Mentor are encouraged to attend this session if your system is in the ASPIRE initiative. If your system in just starting on self-led IEPs this session also will be beneficial.*

Mini C.A.F.E.- DIALOGUES

Ms. Elise Lynch, GaDOE Professional Learning Specialist/ **Mr. Dennis Medders**, High School Principal Meriwether/ **Ms. Ginger Henderson** Parent Mentor, Meriwether, **Ms. Patti Solomon**, GaDOE Family Engagement and **Ms. Debbie Currere**, GaPMP Family Outreach Coach, **Mr. Kevin Hunt**, Elbert SPDG Team Leader, **Ms. Wausheka McClary**, Parent Mentor, Elbert

C.A.F.E.-DIALOGUES, a SPDG family engagement initiative, is an effective and sustainable team that works collaboratively on school/home/community activities to lead to an increase in graduation rates and decrease in dropout rates, particularly among students with disabilities. Learn how a C.A.F.E. team for the past two years assisted in increasing the graduation rate, particularly for students with disabilities at Manchester High School and discover how your system can create a problem solving team of educators, parents and community members. This session will provide you with a make and take model! Newly retooled C.A.F.E videos will be distributed for each system participating. If your system is Cohort 3 of the SPDG graduation grant, this would be an effective family engagement initiative to accelerate your work.



Tues. Oct. 12 continues

- 4:00 p.m. **Pre-Sessions Adjourn**
- 4:00 p.m. **Full Conference Registration Opens** **Conference Registration**
Packets and name tag pick up
- 6:00 p.m. **Registration Closes for the Day**
- 7:00 p.m. **GaPMP Leadership Council's "Discover and Greet" Social** **Hotel Suite # 545 & 548**
Bring a dessert to celebrate Christopher Columbus' discovery that keeps us going around and around! *This is a highly-attended network opportunity.*

Itinerary

Districts are asked to send another administrator with the parent mentor if for some reason the Special Education Director cannot attend. This is team training for your system. Thank you!

Dinner is on your own if you arrive Tuesday evening. All other meals will be provided for the next two days. The Leadership Council reception for administrators and parent mentors Tuesday evening is for dessert.

Appropriate Dress for the conference:

Tuesday Pre-Sessions	Business Casual
Evening Council Reception	Casual
Wednesday Conference Day	Business Casual
Evening Leadership Dinner	Casual
Thursday Conference Day	Business Casual, Optional (GaPMP Shirt Day-optional)

Thumb Drive Downloads

Don't forget your thumb drive! The thumb drive dock will be open on Thursday for administrators and parent mentors for updates on materials, conference power points and lists.

Ashore Opportunity:

To receive a **TICKET** for free passage to the Regional Teams **Discovery Baskets** at 1:45 pm on Thursday, Parent Mentors and Administrative should take the GaPMP Web Site *Steering Test* at the GaPMP Computer Dock. **The GaPMP Computer Lab will be open from 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday except during the large group breakout sessions.**

Ship Etiquette

Please put your cell phones on vibrate during sessions. If you need to take a call, please leave the room to answer the call. Also, please do not use your laptop in sessions. We ask if you need to answer an email or text on your blackberry or cell phone that you leave the room. Typing on a laptop or phone is a distraction to the presenters and to the rest of the audience. Thank you in advance for respecting your fellow conference passengers.



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**EFFECTIVE LEADERS DISCOVERING A
NEW WORLD IN EDUCATION**

GaPMP Launching Its 9th Year of Charting Achievement Routes with Schools, Homes and the Community for Students with Disabilities

Wed. Oct. 13

9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAUNCHES

7:30 a.m.

Registration
Full Crew Breakfast

Conference Registration
Mahler Auditorium

GaPMP Computer Lab Open

8:30 a.m.

A GaDOE Send OFF!
**A 360-Degree Look at the Habits of
Effective Leaders**

Ms. Debbie Gay
Director, Special
Education Supports and
Services, GaDOE

8:45 a.m.

Introduction of Conference and Keynote
Learning is not a flat continuum so don't worry about falling!

Ms. Patti Solomon
GaDOE, Family
Engagement

8:50 a.m.

**Navigating General Education
Waters with a Special Education Compass**

Mr. Philip Mellor
Special Education,
Director, Henry County
*Past chair, Georgia
Association of Education
Leaders (GAEL)*

Special Education impacts more than AYP scores and is making a difference in learning for *all* students. While all of education is struggling with the horizon filled with graduation cliffs, funding clouds and changing sunrise angles, working on it as a team is making it all clearer. Inclusion for us as well as our students is critical. The Parent Mentor Partnership keeps it real by reminding every educator why he or she choose to enter the field of education for students with disabilities.

**BE
PROACTIVE**

9:30 a.m.

Change Course: Next Training Destination
Follow Naviator Instructions to Your Training Site



Two Highly-Rated Professional Leadership Trainings
Will leave Port twice so to Allow Each Conference
Passenger to Experience Both Routes that Leading to a New
World of Communication



Conference Day One Continues

9:45 a.m.

Mahler Auditorium

Improvisation Leadership that Sets the Course
“Improv - Because Life Is Unscripted!”

Ms. Allison Gilmore and Ms. Elizabeth Beasley

DuMore Improv, Emory University School of Business and Cartoon Network

In any type of setting, the ability to be creative, flexible & intuitive is critical. Yet there are few tools to develop the capacity for intuitive and creative action, *“In The Moment.”* (That’s where creativity and improvisation can help!) Through the use of improvisational skills, participants in this session will learn how to improve creative thinking, create solutions to problems, elicit positive responses from those with whom they interact daily, and be better communicators in their professional and personal relationships.

**PUT
FIRST
THINGS
FIRST**

Masters Hall

Turning Around a Sinking Ship in an IEP Meeting
Discover the Holes Before Your Team Sinks!

Ms. Penny Howerton, Special Education Director, Walker County, *Captain, The IEP Crew:* Dr. Frank Nesbit, Deaf and Hearing Specialist, GaDOE and from Walker County Ms. Michal Jones, Parent Mentor, Ms. LeAnne Tatum, Physical Therapist, Ms. Maggie Stultz, Educational Diagnostician, Ms. Pam Germain, Special Education Secretary, Ms. Tina Carroll, Student Services Secretary, and Ms. Judi Bailey, Behavior Specialist.

An innovative session that will take your team diving head first into what is really causing the waves at IEP meetings! This interactive hands-on learning session is led by a troupe of educators and a parent mentor who will surprise you in how much is missed when charting successful team meetings with family members. *The GaPMP’s new IEP training module will be distributed as well!* IEP attendance rates for GaPMP systems for the past two years compared to the statewide results will be available for download at the Thumb Drive Dock.

**BEGIN
WITH
THE END
IN MIND**

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Trainings Wrap Up!
GaPMP Leadership Luncheon

Mahler Auditorium

Introduction

Ms. Debbie Currere
GaPMP Parent Outreach

**THINK
WIN/ WIN**

“Lessons Learned from a Parent Mentor and a High School C.A.F.E. Team that led to an Increase in Our Graduation Rate for Students with Disabilities “

Mr. Dennis Medders,
Principal, Manchester HS
Meriwether County



Conference Day One Continues

Phil Pickens Annual Leadership Awards

This prestigious award is given to both an educator and a parent mentor who exemplify state and local leadership in the work of family/school/community partnerships. It is named for the founder of the Parent Mentor Partnership, Mr. Phil Pickens, who is a past director of the GA Division for Special Education. Mr. Pickens received the first award in 2005 after his retirement. He passed away the following year which makes the honor even more important to the educators and parents who not only learned to lead by his example but also to act in the true Spirit of IDEA.

Ms. Anne Ladd, Chair,
GaPMP Leadership Council, Parent Mentor
Gwinnett County

Ms. Pam Moore,
Past Council Chair
Parent Mentor
Madison County
Mr. Scott Crain
Past Council Chair,
Parent Mentor, Hall

1:00 p.m.

Luncheon Ends

1:15 p.m.

Morning Breakout Sessions Repeated

2:30 p.m.

Training Sessions Complete

2:30 p.m.

Set Your Direction to the Auditorium, Theater and Open Hallway

A beverage and light snack will be available during DISCOVERY

Mahler Auditorium

DISCOVERY: ASK THE EXPERTS until 4:30 pm

This will be your team's chance to ask **what, when, where and how** to help map out your achievement targets with family engagement initiatives and resources. Participants will take back to the districts new ideas for initiatives, ready to go models and timely information from state, regional and local experts. **Multiple training stations** will be equipped with *experts* on GaPMP Data collection, hands on technology for leaders, GaDOE Title I's Parent Engagement Resources and Tools. UGA researcher on Parent Surveys, Office of Developmental Disabilities' Waivers and Futures Planning, Interagencies, Autism Update, Parent to Parents' Training Opportunities, GAA update and resources, Graduation CAFE, Self Led IEPs, Friends' Clubs, Cultural Awareness, Early Childhood Inclusion Support and Coordinators, Sib Shops, Mental Health Collaboratives, Special Olympics Young Athletes Skill Building Initiative and more!

Hill Atrium

DISCOVERY: SEE THE GaPMP NEW WEB ROUTE until 5 p.m.

Learn all that is on the new **Parent Mentor Partnership Website** to improve your engagement work to tackle achievement. Also, discover the newly revised password-sensitive **Learning Curve** with GaPMP information, shared tools and resources.

Raffle Tickets for the Regional Gift Basket Dock will be earned in the GaPMP Computer Dock by taking a navigator test!



SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD

Conference Day One Continues

DISCOVERY: MAP OUT YOUR SYSTEM'S DESTINATION



GaPMP DATA Excursion

Start now to plan your family engagement Initiative for 2010-2011 that will impact a I.D.E.A. Performance Goal Indicator. Also, get trained on GaPMP's improved data materials for accountability.

Masters Hall
Ms. Lynne Williams
Achievement/Family
Data Planning Consultant

Sessions

- 2:45 pm** Aimed for new GaPMP systems and new Parent Mentors
- 3:30 p.m.** Session for all GaPMP
- 4:00 p.m.** Session for all GaPMP

- All participants will receive the GaPMP's premier data-supported **BEST PRACTICE** in family engagement to impact an IDEA Performance Indicator. The family engagement best practice is based on the work of two school systems partnering family engagement with school improvement. The data shows three years of local achievement improvement with sustainable and effective family engagement activities.
- The new **GaPMP Data Planning Forms** also will be distributed.

4:30 pm

Check in and Get Your Land Legs Back!

6:00 p.m.

Annual Leadership Reception and Dinner Celebration

It's a tradition you don't want to miss!

Pecan Tree Courtyard

The annual GaPMP Leadership reception and dinner is on the docket as well as the highly rated team building activities by Gary Brown, Harris Parent Mentor. Both *doers* and *observers* are welcome for the first annual GaPMP Regional Competition. This year's event includes a signature act by each of the six GaPMP regions. Invited VIP judges will use evidence-based criteria to drill down each region's message and give immediate feedback for improvement! Winning Region gets an accommodation!

SYNERGIZE

Thurs. Oct. 14

9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2ND Day

Sign up during the breakfast meetings for a time slot available from 9 a.m. to noon today to receive data planning assistance with Ms. Williams!

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Service begins for Parent Mentors and Administrators in separate areas **Magnolia Ballroom**

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Thumb drive Dock Open

8:15 a.m.

GaPMP Updates
Introduction of Rookies

Ms. Anne Ladd
GaPMP Council Chair

"They Are All Our Kids"

A powerful story from a mom who took her family's journey with mental health and turned it into a lesson for positive action!

Ms. Dana McCrary
Family Liaison,
DBHDD and
DeKalb County Parent



Conference Day Two Continues

8:15 a.m.

Administrator Update

GaPMP FY'10 Report on Data,
Explanation of new GaPMP Accountability
GaDOE Update, Q&A

GaDOE Leaders
Ms. Joan Baird,
Council Advisor

9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Sessions Adjourns

9:15 a.m.

First Round of Workshops

Expert Transition Panel
What's Working with Families
To Impact the Graduation Rate and
Secondary Outcomes in Georgia

Panel discussion with educators,
community & parent leaders
on the impact of
family engagement in
Georgia's work to improve late transition
outcomes for *all* students.



Room Q
Dr. Lu Nations Miller
Panel Facilitator
Transition, GaDOE

Self Led IEPS
Interagencies
CAFEs
PATHS
Self -
Determination

Panel:

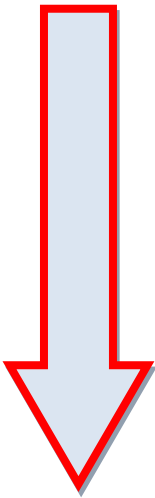
Mr. Dennis Medders, High School Principal
Ms. Ginger Henderson, Meriwether Parent Mentor
Dr. Julia Causey, GaDOE Program Manager, SPDG
Ms. Colleen Lambert, Trainer, Partnerships for Success
Ms. Cindy Saylor, Trainer, Partnerships for Success
Mr. Kevin Hunt, Elbert County Schools SPDG Team Leader
Ms. Wausheka McClary, Elbert Parent Mentor
Ms. Nalini Isaac, Bibb Parent Mentor

Knocking Over Silos and Egos

A look at how one rural school system is sailing
past RTI barriers caused by perception and
communication through understandable language.
Both special and general educators and families
are using differentiated communication to create
wrap around achievement support to students with
and without disabilities. It truly takes a village to raise
a child but it helps if everyone understands what the
other person is doing! Building understanding
between general education and special education, this
session will help systems think about ways to
make sure everyone is on the same page.

Room R

Ms. Anne Cross
Director, Gordon
Ms. Alecia Segursky
Assistant Director
Ms. Jean Morehouse
Parent Mentor





Conference Day Two Continues

Parent-Friendly Schools Opening the Door to Achievement Improvement

A virtual interactive Parent-Friendly Virtual School is just the beginning of the tools Title I Family Engagement is offering to its Special Education partners. Learn also about this unique learning tool for families as well as the 360-Degree family engagement partnership emerging throughout Georgia between GaDOE's Title I and Special Education divisions and Bright from the Start, the Department of Early Childcare and Learning. *More than 50 percent of students on IEPs are in Title I schools.*

Room K

Ms. Michelle Tarbutton
Program Manager, Parent Involvement, GaDOE
Lakeita Servance,
GaDOE Specialist, Title 1

10 – 12:00

Thumb-drive Dock OPEN

10:15 a.m.

Break and check out

Kellogg Concourse

10:45 a.m.

Workshops Repeated

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

Mahler Auditorium

12:25 p.m.

Introduction of the State Director

Ms. Nandi Isaac,
Self Advocate, Macon

Lunch Keynote



What Happens after High School?

Known for her “hard-nosed fiscal discipline,” yet an ever-present “compassionate heart,” Beverly Rollins’ mission as state director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, is to support people in their own communities. Ms. Rollins, who helped develop the NOW and COMP waivers, will explain in her usual candor how she plans to increase community services and improve communications with self advocates, providers and families of persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms. Beverly D. Rollins, MPA
Executive Director,
Division for Developmental
Disabilities, Department of
Behavioral Health and Develop-
mental Disabilities.

1:00 p.m.

Ms. Rollins and several of her key team members at the Division for DD will take comments and questions *Microphones will be set up at both sides of the auditorium.*

1:45 pm

Raffle tickets chosen for Regional Baskets/ Wrap Up

2:00 p.m.

Conference Pulls into Dock

SAFE TRAVELS HOME