



**2015 Georgia Parent Mentor Kickoff**

**Agenda**

September 22-23, 2015

Macon Centerplex

200 Coliseum Drive, Macon Georgia 31217



**Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

*Inform. Imagine. Inspire.*

**8:30 – 9:15 am**                      **Welcome**                                      **Centerplex Ballroom**

Anne Ladd, GaDOE, Family Engagement Specialist

Debbie Gay, Ga State Director of DSESS

**Opening Remarks**                                      **Centerplex Ballroom**

Ruth Ryder, OSEP

**9:15 – 10:05 am**                      **Opening Presentation: *The Baker County Story***

Torrence Choates, Buddy Edwards, Tracy Barber, Londa Taylor, Freddy Grimely

Every good book has settings, characters, plots, conflicts, and differing points of view. Travel with us as we share how our mysterious and divided community closed the chapter on students reading below level, and started a new chapter that is leading to what we call...HAPPILY EVER AFTER! **Imagine** that!

**10:15 – 11:45 am**                      **Student Success: Regional Collaboration with Parent Mentors**

GLRS regions will meet to build collaboration and share stories and **Information** between GLRS directors, Success Coaches, District Special Ed directors/administrators and Parent Mentors.

**12:00 – 1:00 pm**                      **Lunch and Presentation: *World Games with the Crains!***                      **Grand Ballroom**

Will and Scott Crain

Will's story of hard work and determination that landed him a gold medal will **Inspire** you.

**1:15 – 2:30 pm**                      **Communities of Practice (CoP)**

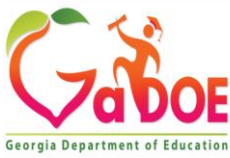
A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people that agree to interact regularly to solve a persistent problem or improve practice in an area that is important to them.

	<b>1:15 - 1:45 pm</b>	<b>1:45 -2:00 pm</b>	<b>2:00 – 2:30 pm</b>
Room 303	Cultural Competency	Break	Cultural Competency
Room 306	Mental Health in Schools	Break	Mental Health in Schools
Room 308	Person Centered Planning	Break	Person Centered Planning
Room 309	Transition	Break	Transition

**2:45 – 4: 30 pm**                      **GaPMP Regional Meetings**

<b>Region</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>SE</b>	<b>Metro</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Middle</b>
<b>Room</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>312-313</b>

Parent mentors and directors/administrators will work together to complete three activities. Using tools from the Leading by Convening Blueprint, teams will consider the impact of the new GaPMP Evidence to Practice Family Engagement Framework on the statewide work around Student Success: **Imagine** the Possibilities!



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**7:30 – 8:30 am**

**Breakfast Meetings:**

Directors Chat with GaDOE

**Ballroom B**

Parent Mentors Annual GaPMP Council Meeting

**Ballroom C**

**8:45 – 12:15 pm**

**Breakout Sessions**

	<b>8:45 am - 9:45am</b>	<b>10:00 am - 11:00 am</b>	<b>11:15 am to 12:15 pm</b>
<b>Room 303</b>	ASPIRE- Novice Student Led IEP	ASPIRE- Advanced Student Led IEP	ASPIRE – Novice Student Led IEP
<b>Room 306</b>	Increasing Student Success with Accessible Educational Material (AEM)	Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Options	Effective Practice for Creating Family-School Partnerships
<b>Room 308</b>	Groups at Work: Strategies and Structures for Professional Learning	Keys to Help Your Teen Get a First Job	Groups at Work: Strategies and Structures for Professional Learning
<b>Room 309</b>	Georgia Family Connection Partnership: Building Collaboration	Graduation Requirements	Dispute Resolution
<b>Room 312</b>	Explore Work! SSI and SSDI transition age youth. How Social Security Work Incentives can help.	Explore Work! SSI and SSDI transition age youth. How Social Security Work Incentives can help.	

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**

**Phil Pickens Leadership Award Luncheon**

The Phil Pickens Leadership Award is named for the founder of the GaPMP, Phil H. Pickens, who retired as State Special Education Director in 2004. Mr. Pickens played a critical role in Georgia’s Parent Mentor Partnership and his legacy continues to live on.

**2:00 – 2:45 pm**

**Closing Keynote: Life Lessons**

Matthew Dooley, Student, Athens Technical College

Suzanne Dooley, Mom

**2:45 – 3:00 pm**

**Wrap up and *Imagine* the Possibilities!**



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