

**Spotlight on Excellence**  
**Phil Pickens Leadership Award 2018 Nominee**



**JoEllen Hancock**  
**Cherokee County**

**Accolades of Leadership**

- Founding member of P2P Navigator Team
- Vice Chair DBHDD Region 1 Advisory Council, State Advisory Council

**Modeling Collaboration and Partnership**

- Developed and taught High Functioning Autism Training for general education teachers
- Promoted “Skill to Pay the Bills” high school curriculum for Cherokee County Schools to support students who “fall through the gaps”
- DOE Parent Engagement Survey lead
- Led ASPIRE parent and teacher training in Cherokee County and North Central GLRS

**Building Home/School/Community Partnerships**

- Vice Chair DBHDD Region 1 Advisory Council, State Advisory Council
- Established PTA Exceptional Children’s Committee
- Superintendent’s Special Education Committee
- State AYP and System Improvement teams
- Partners in Policymaking

**Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP**

- Sunshine Committee: PMP Raffle, awards
- Participation in Education Committee, Communications, and providing info and resources on the PMP Listserve