

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



**Julie Hardeman**  
**Chatham County**

**Accolades of Leadership**

- State Advisory Panel for Special Education
- Regional Advisory Board for Mental Health Supports
- SSIP District Success Coach
- Delegate to Department of Public Health to develop emergency evac plans for people with disabilities

**Modeling Collaboration and Partnership**

- Promoted transition success by working with teachers at middle and high school levels
- Coached parents in interpreting data to improve student success
- Working with the district to build capacity by growing parent leaders at each school
- Collaborated on regional resources fairs, sensory sensitive events

**Building Home/School/Community Partnerships**

- Direct a summer program designed to improve self - determination skills in students with disabilities
- Created “Waiver Days” to assist families in applying for Medicaid waiver services
- Lead district workshops for staff on community resources
- Developing an afterschool program to give community access to students who have aged out of traditional day care programs

**Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP**

- Led regional PM workshops on assistive technology with GPAT
- Promote GaPMP programs at PTA district level
- Presented at sessions and assisted with logistics for GaPMP statewide conference