

Spotlight on Excellence
Phil Pickens Leadership Award 2018 Nominee



Kathy Simmons
Dodge County

Accolades of Leadership

- ASPIRE Lead for Dodge County
- Member of TASH (disability advocacy)
- DBHDD Advisory Council
- Heart of Georgia Transition Alliance Chair, Exec Committee

Modeling Collaboration and Partnership

- Trained parents and teachers on ASPIRE concepts
- Promoted Parent to Parent of Georgia by introducing parents of young children to this resource; co-founded P2P “Soul Shine” 5K
- Collaborated on the development of Georgia PTI through Parent to Parent

Building Home/School/Community Partnerships

- Direct tri-county Buddy Ball and Special Olympics
- Presented at National Drop-Out Conference
- Heart of Georgia Transition Alliance initiatives – Community Forum on Transition, Christmas Gala and Champion Awards, ASPIRE student ambassador leadership training, “I Can” Conference at Middle Georgia College and University

Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP

- GaPMP Chair, Executive Council
- Middle GA Region Representative