



About the Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership (GaPMP)

The Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership was created in 2002 to help facilitate a strong relationship between home, school, and community. It has been proven time and again that positive collaboration between all three factors can greatly increase a student's chance for success no matter the disability.

A parent mentor serves to bridge the communication gap between home and school. The role includes providing information on services and resources to help the student succeed, first in school and later in the transition into adult life. Mentors work to increase family participation in eligibility and IEP meetings, research and provide information on a variety of agencies and services, and often simply serve as a support system for special needs families.

Mentors also strive to work with teachers and administrators to integrate family engagement into school and district activities. We want to build a culture in which family engagement is expected and valued!

Meet your Parent Mentor

My name is Megan Wilhoit, and I am so excited to serve the Stephens County School System as the Department of Exceptional Children Parent Mentor! I was born and raised in Stephens County and have lived here most of my life other than the few years I spent in college and grad school. I am married to Chad, who is a civil engineer, and we have two children, Jack and Savannah. Jack is in 9th grade at SCHS and Savannah is in 3rd grade in a small group classroom at Toccoa Elementary School.

Savannah was diagnosed with autism, ADHD, and OCD when she was two years old. We jumped right in to in-home therapy with Babies Can't Wait and then transferred into PREP when she turned three. She spent two and a half years in PREP and then transitioned easily into kindergarten and onward from there.

How a Parent Mentor Can Help Families

I want you to have wonderful, positive, uplifting educational experiences as you navigate life raising an extra special child. Having a child who learns differently and needs extra support can be a very difficult, isolating journey, and I want you to know that you don't have to do it alone - I am here to make sure all of our exceptional students are living the best life!

As your Parent Mentor, I want to be there for you, your student, and your family. I want to show you that building a strong network between school, home, and community will further the success of your student. I want to encourage family engagement and strong communication, and I want to be available to you for any help you need in developing relationships with your student's team.

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