

Parent Mentors share ideas and resources with one another on a daily basis. Some tips pertain to school concerns, others target the day-to-day needs of a mom or dad in raising a child.

Terri Goodridge, mom of a young son receiving special education related services and a Bibb County Parent Mentor, files our parents' tips (from around the state) from the past six years in categories, so she can share information.

The following information comes from a variety of knowledgeable parent mentors partnering with families, educators and communities throughout Georgia.

### *Tracking Devices*

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Do you have a son or daughter or know someone who's loved one has a tendency to wander? If so, the following information can be of tremendous value.

- AT&T has a Family Mapping program. Go to [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)
- Sprint offers Family Locator. Go to [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)
- Care Trak is "The original Law Enforcement Rescue Program that electronically tracks people with Alzheimer's who wander, and special needs kids". Go to [www.caretrak.com](http://www.caretrak.com)

### *Some Great Tips from Debbie Currere, GaPMP Family Outreach Coach*

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- I had brass sneaker tags made up for Chris's shoes that had his name, address and telephone number engraved on them. At a glance, you would think that they were part of the shoes, but if asked where he lived, he would point to them.
- Also, consider laminating a personal ID card and put it on the inside of a coat (almost sewing it in), or if the child is older, have them put it inside their purse or wallet.
- Get your child a cell phone. Cell phones have a GPS in them that police can access. It also helps them to have an emergency button to call a parent.

### *Other Tips*

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Project Lifesaver International (PLI) helps provide rapid response to save lives and reduce potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia and other related disorders. PLI, in partnership with LoJack SafetyNet, provides equipment, training, certification and support to law enforcement, public safety organizations and community groups which operate the Project Lifesaver program in their communities. Go to [www.projectlifesaver.com](http://www.projectlifesaver.com) and complete an online grant award application.

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