#### **IMPORTANT RESOURCES**

www.parentmentors.org

www.aadd.org All About Developmental Disabilities

www.glrs.org Georgia Learning Resources System

> www.p2pga.org Parent to Parent of Georgia

www.gcdd.org Georgia's Council on Developmental Disabilities

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### PARENT MENTOR PARTNERSHIP

The Cherokee County School District participates in the Georgia Department of Education's Parent Mentor Program.; a data-driven national model for family/school/community collaboration.

The Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership



encourages families of students with disabilities and/or other academic risks to be critical players in the school improvement process. The Parent Mentor engages families of students with disabilities; including 504, SST, RTI & Title I in the education process and promotes/provides family training and engagement as an integral strategy in almost every state performance goal in Georgia.

The Parent Mentor Partnership is a springboard for change with the combined goals of increasing the graduation rate for students with disabilities and engaging families in the education of their own children.

# SERVICES OFFERED BY THE PARENT MENTOR

### PARENT MENTORS CAN:

- Listen to your concerns and help resolve them.
- Provide information about available resources.
- Facilitate trainings on an array of areas.

Mentors help answer questions you may have and provide support for you and your child so that he or she may have a better opportunity to succeed in their education.

Mentors attend several trainings throughout the year to stay current on Special Education issues as it relates to both Federal and State areas. Many of these trainings are facilitated by the Georgia State Department of Education and/or experts in their areas.



# CHEROKEE MENTORS





**SHARON JONES** is the mother of a high schoolaged son with autism. She has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Geor-

gia State University and has served on the Regional Planning Board for Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases.



## JO ELLEN

*HANCOCK* is the mother of three special needs children; which include twins. Their disabilities range from

Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Tourette's Syndrome and Bi-Polar Disorder. She has been pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education and has served as a classroom teacher and substitute teacher in Cherokee County.