

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



**Kim Gibson**  
**Ware County**

**Accolades of Leadership**

- Chair, Okefenokee Regional Transition Alliance
- Ware County School District Golden Achievement Award
- Easter Seals Volunteer of the Year

**Modeling Collaboration and Partnership**

- Developed Parent Guide to Special Education, given to parents at initial evaluation meetings
- Determined advocate for ASPIRE - developing Ware County-specific curricula that led to use of ASPIRE to promote student self-advocacy
- Collaborated on Find Your Path initiative, encouraging students to use AccuPlacer tool, mentoring, and family support to promote dual enrollment & going to college

**Building Home/School/Community Partnerships**

- Connected school staff and parents by creating an Autism Parent Group
- Collaborated on Autism Awareness Day, an ongoing community event with an art show and family activities
- Part of SSIP at district and regional level
- Fundraising events for CASA and Stepping Stones

**Leadership and Involvement with GaPMP**

- Partner with other mentors on college transition fair, through ORTA