

What is a Parent Mentor?

Parent mentors are parents who support other parents by providing information and resources to help their children succeed in school, and transition from school to adult life. Mentors work with teachers, staff, and administrators to integrate family engagement into school and district activities and to build a culture in which family engagement is expected and valued. Across the state, mentors have had an important role in projects that address improving reading and math achievement, increasing graduation rate, decreasing dropout rate, and improving post-school outcomes. Mentors also partner with over 700 Title I Parent Involvement Coordinators to align their work with district family engagement activities for at-risk students.



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Building effective family, school, and community partnerships that lead to greater achievement for students, especially those with disabilities.
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Who Are Our Parent Mentors?

Q&A

Alexandra Wright

Alexandra Wright is married with three children. Her oldest child was diagnosed with Dyspraxia, an impairment or immaturity in the way that the brain processes information, which results in messages not being properly or fully transmitted. He went through the Babies Can't Wait program and had an IEP with DeKalb County. He received speech and occupational therapy services. She also has another child who was diagnosed with hearing loss and now wears hearing aids which enable him to be more successful both in school and social situations. As one of the Parent Mentors for DeKalb County, she hopes to bring some of her personal experience and knowledge to other families.

Demetra Williams

Demetra is married with two children. Her experience has been through a number of community outreach programs for youth.

She has a daughter who was diagnosed with Dyslexia. With this not being a visible disability – navigating through the IEP was sometimes confusing. However, after the years of help and great instruction provided from teachers and counselors, her daughter transitioned to a college preparatory diploma in her IEP and is presently in college.

Demetra hopes to provide support to parents and their students as they navigate through the IEP system, and towards their student's success.

How can a parent mentor relate to me?

The interesting thing about a parent mentor is they are parents of children that have disabilities themselves. They know how it feels to educate a child with disabilities, therefore they can relate to you through personal experience.

Does having a parent mentor cost me anything?

Absolutely not! A parent mentor does not cost you anything. We are paid partially by our county and partially by the state.

How do I get in touch with my parent mentor?

You can call The Board of Education office and ask to speak with:

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