

Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership (GaPMP)

**An initiative of the Georgia Department of Education,
Division for Special Education Services and Supports**

FY19 Application for Participation

Purpose:

The purpose of the Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership (GaPMP) is to enhance communication and collaboration between families, educators and the community to ultimately lead to greater success for students with disabilities and increased family engagement.

Qualifications of a GaPMP Parent Mentor:

- A parent of a child with a disability who is currently receiving, or has previously received, special education and related services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Parent Mentors must work a *minimum* of 20 hours per week at a suggested starting salary of \$20.00 per hour for the number of days the school district is in session. Salary increases, such as the cost of living raises, should be provided for the parent mentor when a district provides one for other professional staff.

Expectations for a GaPMP Parent Mentor:

- The parent mentor, with the support of the special education director, will assist the district in its work around building partnerships between families and schools and with the SPP/APR parent involvement indicator (Indicator 8).
- The parent mentor must submit a quarterly report on family and educator contacts to the GaDOE Family Engagement Specialist.
- The parent mentor must submit a quarterly report on their work with a target group of parents utilizing the GaPMP Evidence to Practice Guides (E2P).

Division for Special Education Services and Supports will provide:

- An additional \$12,500.00 to the district's FY19 federal funds allocation. (Districts with more than 4,000 students may receive funding for up to two half-time parent mentors.)
- Professional development for the parent mentor and special education director/administrator on statewide initiatives and family engagement strategies through the Division for Special Education Services and Supports.
- The following ongoing supports
 - ❖ GaDOE Family Engagement Specialist
 - ❖ GaPMP Regions
 - ❖ GaPMP listserv and website Learning Curve www.parentmentors.com.

Districts will commit to:

- Provide the salary for the parent mentor.
 - ❖ The estimated yearly cost for a school district with one half-time, 20 hours a week parent mentor is *typically* about \$25,000.00 which includes \$14,400.00 in salary for the school year, approximately \$2,000.00 in travel/conference costs and other incidentals, and \$8,500.00 of in-kind contributions, which may include: office space, a computer, adequate office supplies, a phone line with voice mail, email, and clerical support.



- Provide travel expenses for: (**Attendance at these trainings is required. Please initial.**)
 - ❖ ___ The parent mentor and the special education director or an administrator to attend the annual GaPMP statewide conference being held Fall 2018.
 - ❖ ___ The parent mentor to attend four regional drive-in trainings and one divisional drive-in university.
 - ❖ ___ Orientation for a parent mentor who is new to the partnership and their director or an administrator.

This Application for Participation must be signed by districts electing to continue with the GaPMP and those that are newly applying. **Please Note:** Districts that elect to continue with the GaPMP are required to have the FY18 Accountability Report form based on GaPMP Evidence to Practice Guides and Annual Contact Summary Report submitted by May 31, 2018.

** Smaller districts (those with fewer than 200 students with disabilities under IDEA) may collaborate together and submit a shared position. Both districts will be required to submit an application**

By signing below, it is acknowledged that the district agrees to the above criteria for the additional federal funds allocation for FY19.

School District: _____

New District: _____ **or** **Returning District:** _____

Current (FY18) Parent Mentor(s) _____ **Vacant** _____

Number of positions requested for FY19 1 2

Required signature(s):

 Superintendent's Signature

 Date

 Special Education Director's Signature

 Date

To receive parent mentor funding for FY19, this form must be received by the GaDOE by March 1, 2018 with the proper signatures:

1. Download this document
2. Obtain signatures from Superintendent and Special Education Director
3. Upload signed application document using the link posted on the GaDOE Special Education Services and Supports webpage by March 1, 2018

Questions: Contact Anne Ladd, Family Engagement Specialist, GaDOE Division for Special Education Services and Supports at aladd@doe.k12.ga.us.