

Parent Mentor News

Who are Parent Mentors?

Parent Mentors are parents of children with disabilities who are employed by their local school systems. The goal of the Georgia Parent Mentor Program is to nurture communication among parents and educators, ultimately leading to greater success for students with disabilities. Parent Mentors work within the school system by trying to build bridges between home and school.

How do I contact my Parent Mentor?

If your child attends or receives services through Cartersville City Schools, contact **Brenda Smith**:
Phone: 770-387-4710
Email: bsmith@cartersville.k12.ga.us

If your child attends or receives services through Bartow County Schools, contact **Kim Chester**:
Phone: 770-547-6370
Email: kchester@bartow.k12.ga.us

We are happy to assist you in any way possible!

Check out **Parent to Parent of Georgia if you are looking for resources...
<http://www.parenttoparentofga.org/>

Check out **FOCUS: Families of Children Under Stress for lots of resources and super fun activities:
<http://www.focus-ga.org/>

Upcoming Events:

- **Swimming for Children with Special Needs:** Senior Aquatic Center on Douthit Ferry Road on Saturdays from 8am to 12 noon. Cost is \$3 a visit for student & parent. Passes purchased at Dellinger Park Office Mon.- Fri.; 8-5. Lifeguards will be available. For questions call 770-387-5626. Sponsored by Cartersville Parks and Recreation Dept.
- **Autism in Bartow:** Meets the first Thursday of every month at Cartersville Medical Center in Classroom #1. Email Lyn for more information:
lyn@autisminbartow.com
- **Fashion for a Cause Fall Fashion Show 2009:** September 17 at 7:30 at Hilton Garden Inn... Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Alex Boutique, Riley's Menswear or Brenda Smith. Proceeds benefit Autism in Bartow and OHBC Angel Ministry.
- **OHBC Angel Ministry Respite:** Saturday, September 19 from 1:00-4:00 at Oakland Heights Baptist Church Ministry Center. Limited space: Must call 770-608-2675 by September 11.
- **Transition and Informational Fair for Parents of Children with Special Needs:** November 12, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 at the Cartersville Civic Center... Over 20 vendors will come from colleges and agencies that serve children with disabilities. Special Presentations Including:
 - Georgia Medicaid Basics and Home & Community Services