

**Excerpt from Houston County School Board News Release
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Houston County (Educators) Receives Special Education Impact Award

Dr. Jenny McClintic, Program Specialist, was a recipient of the Special Education Impact Awards. Dr. McClintic has been the guiding force behind Houston County's district-wide implementation of the ASPIRE program. She has consistently shown the ability to plan, organize and implement a system vision at the highest levels of competency and accountability. Her ability to establish rapport and foster positive relationships with students, parents, and community members has been vital in the development of our (Houston County's) ASPIRE program.

Dr. McClintic's unwavering commitment to furthering the self-advocacy of students has garnered her recognition from the Georgia Department of Education, resulting in Houston County being asked to lead the way for Aspire through presentations as well as through a documentary showcasing students, parents, and school staff involved with Aspire. Dr. McClintic's determination and dedication to the students, families, and teachers of Houston County has enabled her to make a positive impact on many.

The impact that Jenny has made is the kind that is life-long, life-changing and far-reaching. Houston County thanks Dr. McClintic for her efforts to make such a special impact on so many.

Excerpt from Houston County Student Services Report (August 2014)

ASPIRE initiative @ GaDOE

Dr. Jenny McClintic presented Houston County's Implementation model of the ASPIRE initiative at GaDOE on July 15th. Houston County has the widest implementation across the state with nearly 1200 students currently benefiting from the program. The purpose of ASPIRE is to assist students in the developing self-determination skills by increasing their participation in IEP meetings.

