



Meet Latoya Palmer

Supporting Parent, Navigator Team Member and Much More!

When and how did you get connected to P2P?

I was first introduced to P2P briefly by a presenter at a workshop prior to my middle son being diagnosed with Autism in 2012. After the training event I checked out some of the free webinars on the P2P website. However, it wasn't until I was invited to a 2014 P2P's Navigator Teams' leadership meeting that I really connected. The excitement and commitment that the Navigator Team members and leaders shared during this meeting was touching. My eyes were open to the need for more people to step up and be the change in the community.

What roles do you play?

I completed the supporting parent training and Local Guide training last year. Last December I attended the Regional Navigator Leadership meeting in Atlanta. As I said, this meeting inspired me to do more. I became a member of the Cobb County Navigator Team. I've been able to contribute to changes in the Cobb community as well as advocate for changes at the state level.



How has your involvement with P2P influenced your journey, both for you and your family?

Participating within the P2P organization has helped me to not feel like I'm the only one dealing with challenges. The connections and support system I have developed are life changing. While the autism journey for my family does not disappear we are empowered to continue with various resources and outlets that P2P offers.

What's your next event?

On October 3rd, the Cobb Navigator team will be partnering with Cobb P.A.R.K.S Therapeutic Division to offer the Smyrna/Vining's area its first-ever Disability Awareness Day (D.A.D). The event will take place from 10am-3pm at the Windy Hill Community Center, 1885 Roswell St SE (Windy Hill Rd), Smyrna, GA 30080. There will be food, games, giveaways, and lots of information for families who have children with special needs. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Latoya Palmer at cobb@p2pga.org.