

Transition Visionary Award 2008

~ Stan Cartwright ~

Nominated by: Jason Williams

Presented by: Touch the Future/Transition/SERID Awards Committee

Our winner has been a tireless advocate for students in transition for the past eight years. He works alongside the Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program and, together, they have helped approximately 75 students **per year** to obtain training and employment.

He serves on the Meriwether County Family Connections Interagency Council and the Native American Tribal Region in northwest Florida. He has arranged an innovative partnership between the Meriwether County Department of Education, VR's LaGrange Unit, and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation to allow students to train in Work Adjustment training with Pro Work. He has also arranged a dual enrollment training program with West Georgia Technical College and the local high schools.

He follows up with students after graduation, each year, and helps them find jobs or obtain information and documentation for college training. Each year he also reviews the transition progress of students with disabilities from the previous year, and he always resolves to make whatever improvements are necessary to reach a 100% placement goal – into employment or training – for graduating students.

We are proud to present the 2008 Transition Visionary Award to Stan Cartwright.