

Barbara von Gal

Barbara von Gal's love for working with individuals with disabilities began the summer after her 9th grade year in high school. She was a counselor at Camp Bratton-Green in Canton, MS where she worked with Ryan, a camper with autism. This encounter set a trajectory for the rest of her life. She attended Auburn University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Special Education (Emotional Conflicts) and a minor in Psychology. Her early teaching career was spent in Atlanta and then in Athens, GA working with students with Severe Emotional and Behavioral Disturbances. 5 years pass, and she moved back to Jackson, Mississippi to be closer to her family, where she began working in early intervention. Her career path then took her to the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Special Education, where she worked first as the Director of Parent Outreach and then as the Director of Policy and Research.

In 2009 her love for her fiancé brought her to Birmingham, where she quickly fell in love with the city, as well. She contracted with both Head Start and the Homewood City School District before obtaining full-time employment with The Horizons School. Barbara and her husband Chris both brought 3 children to their marriage; which includes 5 girls (Tess, Wyn, Isabel, D'ella, and Skye) and 1 boy (Noah). It's kind of like "The Brady Bunch", but sadly this union did not include an Alice...A move to Auburn, AL in the summer of 2017 brought the family all together in one city with the added benefit of the awesome opportunity to work for Triumph Services in Montgomery.

As you can probably surmise, Barbara's spare time is spent with her family doing everything from working on cars to fishing to cooking to attending sporting and musical events, and she wouldn't have it any other way.