

# Meet the PAWS Atlanta Camp Counselors

## Jennifer B. Crosson



Jen Crosson is a school psychologist and licensed professional counselor who works at PAWS Atlanta during summers to help children ages 8-13 learn about humane education, responsible pet ownership, occupations associated with animals, and the duties and challenges related to shelter work. Jen started her career 27 years ago as a Gwinnett County Public School middle school interrelated special education teacher and center-based high school psychoeducation teacher before transitioning in 2000 to her current position as a school psychologist for the DeKalb County School District. After spending 20 years as a school psychologist, Jen missed direct student educational interaction. So when a position as a PAWS Atlanta camp counselor came available, combining two of Jen's interests, she jumped at the chance to be part of a team working with students and helping shelter dogs and cats.

In addition to her extensive teaching, school psychology, and professional counseling experiences, Jen is working towards becoming a registered play therapist and registered integrated sand tray therapist. Jen holds a PhD in Health Psychologist from Walden University, EdS in School Psychology from Georgia State University, MEd in Elementary Education and Mild to Moderate Special Needs Education from Boston College, and BA in History and Classical Archaeology from the University of Michigan. Jen lives in DeKalb County with her husband Dan and their two rescue dogs, Jack a protective sweet 7-year-old shepherd mix and Maggie, an energetic friendly 4-year-old collie spaniel mix.