

27th National Conference for Paraprofessionals - Schedule

Wednesday, April 16th, 2008

4:00-7:30 p.m. – Registration

4:30 – 7:30 State Leadership Meeting

Hilton Hartford Hotel

Thursday, April 17th, 2008

7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration -
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast -
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	Exhibits -
8:00-8:45 a.m. 8:45 –9:45 a.m.	<p>Introduction and Welcome: Marilyn Likins & Teri Wallace, Co-Directors NRCP Honorable Mayor Eddie Perez Dr. Mark K. McQuillan, State Department of Education Commissioner & Dr. Steven Adamowski, Superintendent of Hartford Schools Keynote Speakers: Kent Gerlach, Pacific Lutheran University & Teri Wallace, University of Minnesota “Supervision and Evaluation”</p>

9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break	
Thursday 10:00- 11:30a.m.	<p>Session 1: Peggy Akerman “Degree of Work Satisfaction of Special Education Paraprofessionals”</p>	<p>Session 2: Pamela Brucker & Dana Colon “Paraprofessionals as Certified Teachers: Training Paraprofessionals to Teach in Urban Districts”</p>
	<p>Session 3: Carol Bottom & Julia Neuberger “Paraprofessionals as Members of the Behavior Team”</p>	<p>Session 4: Cindy Myers “Understanding Your Student With Autism Spectrum Disorders”</p>
	<p>Session 5: Peggy Hayden & Susan Toohey Kaye “Building State and Local Supports for the</p>	<p>Session 6: Sherrie Newmark “Singing in a Collaborative Education Choir:</p>

	Effective Use of Paraeducators”	Making Every Voice Count”
	<p>Session 7: Barbara Costagliola & Nancy White “Two Heads are Better Than One: Paraprofessional and Teacher Teaming”</p>	<p>Session 8: Dorothy Handfield “Going Beyond NCLB’s Highly Qualified Requirements: Building Professional Learning Communities that Includes Paraprofessionals”</p>

11:30 – 1:00 LUNCH (On Your Own)

1:00-2:30 p.m.	<p>Session 9: Cindy Myers “Homework Supports for Kids with Organizational Deficits ”</p>	<p>Session 10: Deborah Cotton & Nancy Konitzer “Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck: Using Paraprofessionals as a Valued Tool”</p>
	<p>Session 11: Julie Giaccone “Speech Language Pathology Assist Option for Paraprofessionals: Training, Competencies, and Job Market”</p>	<p>Session 12: Antonette Hood “Strengthening Inclusive School Communities: Paths to Effective Co-Teaching with Paraeducators”</p>
	<p>Session 13: Barbara Locker “The On-Line World of Paraeducator Professional Development”</p>	<p>Session 14: Ann Birch & Jill Morgan ““Building Foundations for Paraprofessionalism: Professional Development for Teacher Assistants in Wales”</p>
	<p>Session 15: Taya Johnson, Jan Pace, Kathy Prewett, Marie Wise and Kathy Chartier CSI: Utah (Critical Support Interventions) (Repeat Friday)</p>	<p>Session 16: Anna Lou Pickett “Establishing Policies and Creating Systems That Strengthen Teacher and Paraeducator Teams”</p>
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Break	

3:00-4:30 p.m.	<p>Session 17: Kent Gerlach “Clarifying the Roles of Paraeducators and Their Supervisors: It’s All About Ethics and Professional Guidelines”</p>	<p>Session 18: Ellie Giles, Betty Montgomery & Sally Murek ““Multicultural Paraprofessional Retention: A Culture of Respect”</p>
	<p>Session 19: Donna Morelli, Tricia Silva & Gio Koch “Recruit, Train, and Retain: Strategies for Success”</p>	<p>Session 20: Gayle Love “Filling in the Cracks: Evaluating a Training Program for Paraeducators and Para-Supervisors”</p>
	<p>Session 21: Perri Murdica Guidelines for Training and Support of Paraprofessionals Working with Students – Birth to 21”</p>	<p>Session 22: Christopher Phillips “Online Paraprofessional Resources: How to Find the Diamond in the Rough”</p>
	<p>Session 23: Jessica Veneziano-Lemos & Joan Nicoll-Senft “Increasing the Capacity of Paraprofessionals in Inclusive Education”</p>	<p>Session 24: Barbara Jo Stahl, Penny Bidne & Kristen Olson “Higher Education’s Role in Training Teachers to Direct the work for Paraprofessionals”</p>
4:30-6:00 p.m.	<p>Reception Hartford Hilton</p>	

Friday, April 18th, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration –
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast –
7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Exhibits –
8:30 – 8:45 a.m. 8:45-9:45 a.m.	<p>Introductions and Welcome: David Carter, Chancellor of the CT State University System Keynote: Panel “Career Choices: Paraprofessionals and Teachers” Moderator: Roch Girard, President, CT Federation of School Administrators</p>

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9:45-10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Session 25: Peggy Hayden & Susan Toohey Kaye “Transition to Teaching for Paraeducators”	Session 26: Taya Johnson, Jan Pace, Kathy Prewett, Marie Wise and Kathy Chartier CSI: Utah (Critical Support Interventions)”
	Session 27: Arlene Barresi & Kathy Muth “Paraeducators and Teacher Trainers/Mentors: A New Approach to Staff Development”	Session 28: Roseanne Agderian & Linda Bush “Supporting Progress Reporting for Special Needs Students”
	Session 29: Ellen Crayne & Marie Wiesen “Math Strategies with the Math Nerds” (Repeat Saturday)	Session 30: Carol Longs & Suzanne Koprowski “Paraeducator Portfolios: Getting Your Ducks in a Row”
	Session 31: Jill Morgan & Ann Birch “Paraprofessionals Across the Pond: Teaching Assistants in Great Britain and Their Experiences of Supervision”	Session 32: James Olson “Worn Out? 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life and Work with Positive Energy”
	Session 33: Patricia Weinwurm “Understanding Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MSA –Staph) Bacteria: Our Schools, Our Communities”	Session 34: Jan Stivers “Preparing Beginning Teachers to Supervise Paraeducators”
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (On Your Own)	

Friday 1:30-3:00 p.m.	Session 35: Christopher Phillips “The NRCF Website: What is Available, Where	Session 36: Carolyn Jones Smith “Got Hard to Reach Parents? Use Technology”
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	We Are Going and How It Can Help You”	
	<p>Session 37: Ann Nevin & Ida Malian “Paraeducators Profile in Inclusive Classrooms: A National Study”</p>	<p>Session 38: Mary Fisher & Margaret Hearn “Writing Brought Us Together: Paraeducators as Team Members Supporting the Writing Process”</p>
	<p>Session 39: Ashleigh Molloy “Paraprofessionals Fueling Change”</p>	<p>Session 40: Debbie Minnick “Living Wage: You’re Worth It!”</p>
	<p>Session 41: Deborah Peters Goessling & Laura Hauerwas “Paraeducators and Their Important Role in Response to Intervention”</p>	<p>Session 42: Christy Ullery & Geraldine DiPalma “Working Together: Tools You Can’t Live Without”</p>
	<p>Session 43: Melanie Crider & Donna Broyles “ParaPQ: Paraeducators Pursuing Quality”</p>	<p>Session 44: M. Victoria Rodriguez “From Paraeducators to Teachers: Perception of the First Year of Teaching”</p>
3:00:-3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:15-5:00 p.m..	<p>Session 45: Suzan Van Beaver & Mary McKee “Self of Steam”</p>	<p>Session 46: Patrica Mueller & Corrie Palmer “LRE: More Alphabet Soup or Is It? Strategies to Encourage Student Independence”</p>
	<p>Session 47: Terre Hirst & Katia Milius “Para University: The Road to Reading and Writing”</p>	<p>Session 48: Ritu Chopra “Paraeducators as Future Teachers: Benefits and Challenges”</p>
	<p>Session 49: Leonard Edmonds “Communicating With Parents: Understanding the Process and Improving</p>	<p>Session 50: Cathy Gangstad “Math Madness</p>

	Your Skills”	
	Session 51: Jim Arden & Cara McCarthy “Preparing Teachers to Work Effectively with Paraeducators”	Session 52: Thalia Moshoyannis “The Holland Self-Directed Search: An Interest Inventory”
	Session 53: James Olson “Who’s in Charge? You or the Kids!”	Session 54: Christine Gilbert & Debbie Streeter “The Crayon Carrying Martha Stewarts of the Schools”
Evening	Special Event:	

Saturday, April 19th, 2008

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Registration – Continental Breakfast –
8:30-8:45 a.m. 8:45-10:00 a.m.	Introductions and Welcome: Iris White & Perri Murdaci CT State Department of Education Keynote Speaker: Jason Dorsey “Inspiring Hard to Reach Students: Making Personal Responsibility Contagious”

10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Session 56: Zachery Rossetti & Deborah Peters Goessling “Making it Happen: Friendship Facilitation Strategies”	Session 57: Christine Gilbert & Debbie Streeter “The Crayon Carrying Martha Stewarts of the Schools”
	Session 58: Giovanni Chiarelli & Jan Boehning	Session 59: Corrie Palmer & Patrica Mueller

	“Communication and Team Building: Interactive Problem Solving”	“Paraeducators: Who ARE You?”	
	Session 60: Margaret Stewart & Susan Comey “Do You Want Your Students to Be More Actively Involved in Their Learning?”	Session 61: Maria Short “Training School-Based Speech-language Pathology Assistants: A Vermont Experience”	
	Session 62: Kathie Chavez “Work Shouldn’t Hurt: The Strain and Sprain of Special Education Work”	Session 63: Ellen Crayne & Marie Wiesen “Math Strategies with the Math Nerds”	
	Session 64: Diane Flores-Rhodes “Being an Effective Parent Liaison for Your School”	Session 65: Cathy Gangstad “It’s All About Connections: Five Lessons Every Educator Needs to Know From Brain Research”	
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Session 66: Iris White “Managing Antisocial Behavior”	Session 67: Yvonne Gardner, Donna Swanson & Students from the FOCUS Alternative Learning Center “The Spectrum Unplugged”	Session 68: Kit Giddings “Making Our Teaching Count: The Basics of Instruction”