



DECEMBER 2014 UPDATE FOR DISTRICT



CONTACTS FOR PARAEducATOR ISSUES

National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCP) Conference Schedule Available. Early Bird Deadline Extended to January 10th!

The schedule for the April 2015 NRCP Conference is attached and available on the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Paraeducator Information and Resources page: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=321752>. Breakout sessions designed to provide paraeducators with practical strategies for implementation in the classroom, including common core, early childhood, supervision, proactive behavior management, autism, strategies for students with significant cognitive disabilities, techniques for communication, and building effective teacher/paraeducator teams will be offered. The schedule also includes sessions on model programs and systems for paraeducators and techniques for communications and building effective teacher/paraeducator teams designed especially for teachers, school administrators, directors of special education and other central office administrators, state staff, state or regional trainers and staff, and higher education personnel.

The Early Bird Registration deadline has been extended to January 10th. Register now to save on the full conference, Friday and Saturday only or one day only registration fees! <http://www.nrcpara.org/conference/registration>.

Paraeducator Leadership Networking Session

The 5th Annual National Paraeducator Leadership Networking Session will be held Wednesday, April 15th from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM in conjunction with the NRCP Conference.

This session is open to “State/National Paraeducator Leaders,” that is people, who are engaged in activities to promote paraeducator leadership at a variety of levels within their respective states or on a national level. For example, state staff; state or regional training and TA staff; higher education personnel; persons promoting leadership through involvement in various state activities, labor organizations, committees, advisory groups; etc. All interested parties may attend. Registration is free and available at: <http://www.nrcpara.org/conference/leadership>.

During the session, representatives from each state or organization will be asked to highlight one major state level accomplishment from which others may benefit. Time permitting, we will also discuss issues with which we are dealing and on which we want input from others. This session will give us a chance to meet others in similar roles at the beginning of the conference.



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2016 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Program

The CSDE and the School Paraprofessional Advisory Council has established the Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Program to recognize the important role of the paraeducator in supporting student achievement. This award is named in honor of Anne Marie Murphy, a paraeducator who was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting. The program honors one paraeducator who has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the performance of his/her job, thereby earning that person the respect and admiration of other paraeducators, students, teachers, administrators, co-workers, and parents. Application packets will be sent to all Superintendents and school directors, the beginning of January. The next paraeducator of the year will be identified in the fall of 2015 and serve from January 2016-December 2016.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities for Paraeducators:

CREC (Capitol Region Education Council) COMPASS Trainings:

Certification Trainings:

**Basic COMPASS Certification: (2 full day sessions)
(for those interested in becoming certified trainers to
present within their district)**



January 8th and February 2nd: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. <https://www.protraxx.com/Scripts/EzCatalogny/ViewClass.aspx?ID=306136&CustomerID=128>

SERC Paraeducator Learning Seminar on SRBI and Math Strategies

Saturday, January 31, 2015, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paraeducator-learning-seminar-on-srbi-and-math-strategies-registration-12136186661?.ref=wpwidget>

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