



NOVEMBER 2014 UPDATE FOR DISTRICT



CONTACTS FOR PARAEducATOR ISSUES NEWSLETTER

National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCP) Conference Updates

The Local Arrangements Committee for the NRCP Conference, which will be held April 16th-18th, 2015 at the Hilton Hartford, would like to announce the following updates:

Thursday, April 16th, 2015: The first morning of the conference will open with a panel of State Paraeducators of the Year. This panel will be facilitated by Anthony Brisson, Consultant for SERC.



Friday, April 17th, 2015: We are excited to announce George Sugai (pictured left) as our Keynote Speaker. He will providing a evidence-based and practical approach to understanding and preventing problem behaviors and promoting social readiness skills in young children. A multi-tiered framework will be described as a way to organize effective behavior practices and as a system for maximizing accurate and fluent implementation by paraprofessional providers.

We've received a number of submissions for the Call for Papers. Here is a listing of some of the topics that will be presented during the conference. Stay tuned to the December *District Contacts for Paraeducators Issues* newsletter for more information on when these topics will be scheduled:

- Assistive Technology
- Facilitating Meaningful Friendships Through Peer Led Inclusion
- Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Introduction to Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
- Paraprofessionals and Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities
- Promoting Young Children's Social and Emotional Competence
- Responding to Challenging Behaviors K-12
- Standards Based Paraeducator Evaluation
- Tips from Teachers: Working with Paraeducators

Registration is available at:

[www.nrpara.org/
conference.](http://www.nrpara.org/conference)

Registration options include:

Full Conference, Friday and
Saturday or One Day.

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On November 6, 2014, the CSDE and SERC held the Annual Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award Recognition Ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Over 100 people came out to recognize the 32 paraeducator of the year nominees and the 2015 Paraeducator of the Year, Geri Lavalley (pictured left) from Squadron Line School in Simsbury, CT. You can view pictures of the ceremony at: http://ctserc.org/s/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1333:2015-paraeducator-of-the-year-award-ceremony-photos&catid=3:newsflash.

Congratulations to all of the nominees! Applications for the 2016 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year will be emailed to all Superintendents, RESC Executive Directors, Charter School Directors, and District Contacts for Paraeducator Issues, in January.

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>

Advanced COMPASS Certification Training (for those interested in becoming certified trainers to present within their district) (prerequisite: Basic Certification Training)

December 11th: School Climate (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) <https://www.protraxx.com/Scripts/EzCatalogny/ViewClass.aspx?ID=306139&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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