Paraeducator Resources and Websites

American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Standards for a Profession www.aft.org/psrp. Brochure on paraprofessional and teacher collaboration www.aft.org/psrp/classroomteam/team.html. Report on status of state efforts to assist paraprofessionals in meeting NCLB requirements www.aft.org/psrp/certification/midtermreport/index.html.

AskEric Home Page This website provides access to the ERIC database and other information about the Educational Resources Information Center. www.eduref.org

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) This website provides information about ASCD's professional development activities, and affiliates and networks. www.ascd.org

B.E.S.T. Education Search by Topic Search by keyword or by the Topic List, or browse the Awards for extensive reviews on current education sites. www.education-world.com

Career Development for Non-Traditional Community College Students as Special Education Paraprofessionals. www.schoolhousedoor.com/media/teacher/pickett-careerdevt.txt

The Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement (CCSRI) CCSRI houses a variety of tools, guides, and links relating to school improvement. http://www.centerforcsri.org

Center on Personnel Studies in Special Education (COPSSE) paraprofessional issue brief www.coe.ufl.edu/copsse

Council for Exceptional Children information on CEC's knowledge and skill standards for beginning paraeducators in special education. www.cec.sped.org/ps/parastds.html

Council of Great City Schools This website contains links and resources selected by this coalition of school districts in the 66 largest U.S. cities. www.cfcs.org

The Education Alliance This Brown University organization offers research-based solutions for school reform. The Education Alliance addresses the needs of diverse student populations in the public schools by offering a variety of educational resources. http://www.alliance.brown.edu/

The Education Trust Ed Trust is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to make schools and colleges work for all of the young people they serve. This organization provides credible information about what works in high performing, high poverty schools. www.edtrust.org

ERIC Database of publications pertaining to Paraprofessionals, US Department of Education. http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/ERIC/resumes/basicsummary.cfm

Guide for Effective Paraeducator Practices in Iowa. This Guide describes the services that are necessary to support effective paraeducator services in Iowa schools. http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/asis/ibp/para/index.html

IDEA Practices Home Page www.ideapractices.org

IMPACT: Explores the growing role of paraeducators in our schools. www.ici.umn.edu/products/newsletters.html

Minnesota Paraprofessional Consortium www.ici2.umn.edu/para

National Clearinghouse for Paraeducators www.usc.edu/dept/education/CMMR/Clearinghouse.html

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE) NCPIE is a coalition of major education, community, public service, and advocacy organizations working to create meaningful family-school partnerships in every school in America. This website offers up-to-date information about policies and practices that affect education, and practical ways that parents can become effective partners with schools in improving their children's education. http://www.ncpie.org

National Education Association – Education Support Professionals http://www.nea.org/esphome/esp

National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities. Discusses ethical responsibilities, educational requirements, roles and responsibilities of paraprofessionals, plus responsibilities of qualified teacher/service providers. www.ldonline.org/njcld/paraprof298.html

National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals. Addresses paraeducator policy questions and other needs of the field, provides technical assistance. www.nrcpara.org

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No Child Left Behind The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (No Child Left Behind).* www.ed.gov/nclb/

No State Left Behind: The Challenges and Opportunities of ESEA 2001 www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/32/37/3237.doc

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory Policy paper designing state and local policies for the professional development of instructional paraeducators. www.nwrel.org/planning/reports/paraeducator.pdf "Working Together for Successful Paraeducator Services: A Guide for Paraeducators, Teachers, and Principals." www.nwrel.org/request/may2002/index.html
 "Designing State and Local Policies for the Professional Development of Instructional Paraeducators." www.nwrel.org/planning/reports/policypaper2002.pdf

Paraeducator Career Profile http://www.special-edcareers.com/career_choices/profiles/professions/para_edu.html

Paraeducator Support: Additional Resources www.uvm.edu/~uapvt/parasupport/addit/18add.html

PARA2 Center University of Colorado in Denver http://www.paracenter.org

Paraeducator Support of Students with Disabilities in General Education Classrooms, University of Vermont. www.uvm.edu/~cdci/parasupport/

Paraprofessional Academy http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/case/paracad/index.htm

Paraprofessional Database Research Navigator. The Education Commission of the States has compiled a large amount of research from each of the 50 states regarding paraprofessional certification and qualification requirements, professional development for paraprofessionals and assessment tests and passing scores for those tests, which are accepted and designated by states. http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/63/52/6352.pdf

Professional Development for Paraprofessionals across the States describes what states are doing regarding competency for paraprofessional requirements. Professional development has come to the forefront of the paraprofessional occupation with new requirements and timelines for "highly qualified" status under NCLB. http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/63/53/6353.pdf

Project Para – University of Nebraska Lincoln Online training. www.para.unl.edu

National Teacher Recruitment Clearinghouse http://www.recruitingteachers.org/channels/clearinghouse

Recruiting New Teachers, Inc. http://www.recruitingteachers.org. (Information on paraprofessional to teacher programs.)

Resource website for paraeducator supervision. www.ici2.umn.edu/para/teachers

Rhode Island Teacher Assistants Project Focuses on policy, skill standards and training for teacher assistants http://www.ritap.org/ta/

Special Education News Focuses on special education and current legislation affecting paraeducators. www.specialednews.com

Study of Personnel Needs in Special Education (SPeNSE) Fact Sheets www.spense.org/results.html

Technology, Research, and Innovation in Special Education
Provides information on training programs for paraprofessionals and supervising teachers and includes links to dozens of other sites. www.trisped.org

Utah State Paraeducator Website, Utah standards and knowledge and skills competencies for paraeducators, and portfolio development www.utahpara.org

Walla Walla Community College, Washington State, paraeducator skill standards
www.sbctc.ctc.edu/transfer/teacherprep.asp

Washington State Guidelines and Competencies for Paraeducators www.paraeducator.com

WestEd WestEd provides valuable information on improving learning from infancy to adulthood, both while in and out of school. This website also contains numerous sources of research-based products and resources. http://www.wested.org/cs/we/print/docs/we/home.htm