



SAVE THE DATE!

32ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT OF PARAEDUCATORS

**April, 2015
Hartford, Connecticut**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 32nd National Conference for Paraeducators & Related Service Providers sponsored by the National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCP).

Join us in Hartford, Connecticut in April 2015 with hundreds of other paraeducators, parents, policymakers, and administrators in state and local education, personnel developers in 2- and 4-year colleges, as well as many other stakeholders and service providers.

For over three decades, this conference has responded to the professional development needs of these varied individuals and provided the opportunity to bring together a broad range of audiences. The first conference held in Texas boasted 88 participants. It is anticipated that over 500 will attend this year's conference including paraeducators, policy makers and administrators, personnel developers from 2-and 4-year colleges and universities, parents, representatives of unions and professional organizations. Participants will gain knowledge of new dimensions in the roles, preparation, supervision, and career mobility for the paraeducator workforce.

Session topics will address:

- **Research Initiatives** focusing on paraeducator effectiveness, training and supervision, one-on-one use of paraeducators, or other pertinent topics.
- **Hands-on training** designed to strengthen on-the-job performance of paraeducators
- **State & local initiatives** to set standards for:
 - 1) paraeducator roles in various staffing arrangements and programs,
 - 2) skills and knowledge required by paraeducators working in different levels of paraeducator positions, and 3) training and professional development opportunities for paraeducators.
- **Incentives** for retaining a skilled paraeducator workforce
- **Standards & professional development models** for preparing supervisors to work effectively with paraeducators and direct service providers.

In addition to these sessions, the 10th annual "National Leadership" session will be held on Wednesday from 4:30-7:30 – open to people engaged in activities to promote paraeducator leadership at a variety of levels in states, e.g., 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. During the session, representatives from each state highlight one major state level accomplishment. This session provides a chance to meet others in similar roles at the beginning of the conference to facilitate networking.

Further information will be posted on the NRCP website at www.nrcpara.org

- **Call for Papers**
- **Conference Registration**
- **Hotel and Travel Information**
- **Exhibitor Applications**

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