

Keynote Speakers

The conference boasts nationally recognized speakers and leaders in the field of paraprofessional issues, namely Dr. Kent Gerlach and Dr. Teri Wallace. Dr. Gerlach is the author of Let's Team Up! A Checklist for Paraeducators, Teachers, and Principals and co-editor of Supervising Paraeducators in Educational Settings, and Paraeducators in Schools: Strengthening the Educational Team, in which Dr. Wallace co-edited. Dr. Wallace also authored Knowledge and Skills for Teachers Supervising the Work of Paraprofessionals and State Level Initiatives Related to Training and Supervision of Paraeducators.

Friday's panel on "Career Choices" will include paraprofessionals who love their job as well as paraprofessionals who have gone on to earn their teaching certification. College and university faculty responsible for designing career ladder programs for paraprofessionals will also discuss the challenges in building training programs that honor both perspectives.

Jason Dorsey delivers the insight of a bestselling author, excitement of an internationally acclaimed speaker, and practicality of an award-winning entrepreneur. Jason Ryan Dorsey profoundly inspires paraprofessionals, teachers, administrators, parents, staff, counselors, and school board members. He does this by sharing his incredible personal story of educators saving his life.

Thursday—Dr. Kent Gerlach & Dr. Teri Wallace

"Supervision and Evaluation"



Friday—Panel

"Career Choices: Paraprofessionals and Teachers"



Saturday—Jason Dorsey

"Inspiring Hard to Reach Students: Making Personal Responsibility Contagious"



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Registration Rates for Entire Conference

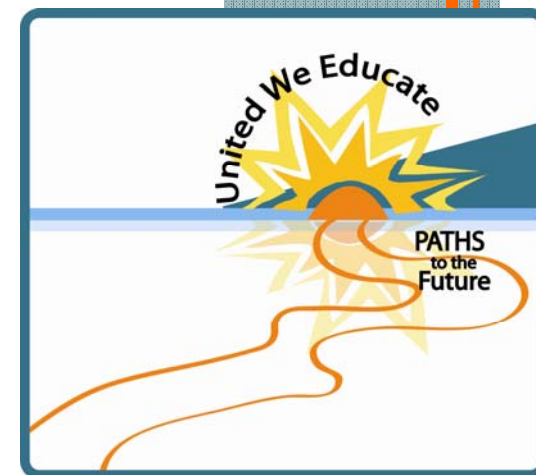
Paraprofessionals.....	\$50
(\$75 after March 1)	
Parents.....	\$50
(\$75 after March 1)	
Teachers and Administrators.....	\$150
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Paraprofessional-Teacher Team...	\$150

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April 17-19, 2008

Hartford Hilton

Hartford, CT

- * Come meet and network with paraprofessionals from other states
- * Visit the exciting city of Hartford
- * Learn what are considered best practices for paraprofessionals

Theme:

United We Educate: PATHS to the Future

The theme of this year's national conference for and about paraprofessionals is United We Educate: PATHS to the Future. It is vital for our kids that paraprofessionals are united with administrators, teachers, and other stakeholders. In order to provide paraprofessionals with the knowledge needed to be an effective member of the team, a number of workshops will be offered (see below).

The following is a partial list of workshops. Please check the NRCP website for updates.

- * *Assessing the Work Satisfaction of Special Education Paraprofessionals*
- * *Managing Antisocial Behavior*
- * *Do You Want Your Students to Be More Actively Involved in Their Learning?*
- * *Paraprofessionals As Certified Teachers: Training Paraprofessionals to Teach in Urban Districts*
- * *Paraeducators and Their Important Role in Response to Intervention*
- * *Understanding MRSA: Our Schools, Our Communities*
- * *Supporting Progress Reporting for Special Needs Students*
- * *Paraprofessionals as Members of the Behavior Team*
- * *Preparing Beginning Teachers to Supervise Paraeducators*
- * *Filling in the Cracks-- Evaluating a Training Program for Paraeducators*
- * *Paraprofessionals: The Crayon Carrying Martha Stewarts of the School*
- * *Paraeducator Portfolios: Getting Your Ducks in a Row*
- * *Multicultural Paraprofessional Retention: A Culture of Respect*
- * *Math Madness*
- * *IT'S ALL ABOUT CONNECTIONS: Five Lessons Every Educator Needs to Know from Brain Research*
- * *Communicating With Parents: Understanding the Process, Improving Your Skills*
- * *Singing in a Collaborative Education Choir: Making Every Voice Count*
- * *Training School-Based Speech-Language Pathology Assistants*
- * *Funding Paraeducator Training at the Community Level*
- * *Early Recruitment of Mathematics and Special Education Teachers*
- * *Para PQ-Paraeducators Pursuing Quality*
- * *Working Together: Tools You Can't Live Without*
- * *Paraeducators as Future Teachers: Benefits and Challenges*
- * *The Holland-Self Directed Search: An Interest Inventory*
- * *Writing Brought Us Together: Paraeducators as Team Members Supporting the Writing Process*
- * *A Framework for Promoting Academic Literacy*
- * *Creative Rules and Tools for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child*
- * *Clarifying the Roles of Paraeducators and Their Supervisors: Its all about Ethics and Professional Guidelines*
- * *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Adolescence: Strategies for Addressing Teenage Behavior*
- * *Classroom Assessment Made Easy: How to Identify, Record, and Monitor Student Progress and Still Teach*
- * *Promoting Teamwork Between Parents and School*
- * *Living Wage: You're Worth It!*
- * *Work Shouldn't Hurt: The Strain and Sprain of Special Education Work*
- * *Building State and Local Support for the Effective Use of Paraeducators*
- * *Team Building with Special Education Paraeducators: Elevating Instructional Aides*