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Paraeducator Conference



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June 26 & 27, 2001
Yakima Convention Center

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Keynote:

Dr. Anita Archer

The Paraeducator's Journey

All of us are on a journey. Professional, personal, spiritual. The professional journey of the paraeducator is paved with the following stones: teaching, managing, serving, interacting, honoring. How can we insure that each of these stones will carry us in the desired direction? Join Anita as she guides us on this path to professional growth.

Entertainment: Mariachi Huenachi

Wenatchee School District's award winning advanced mariachi group will dazzle conference attendees Tuesday evening with their high energy and colorful performance. This group has given more than 600 performances throughout Washington state including a performance for the State Legislature.



Keynote:

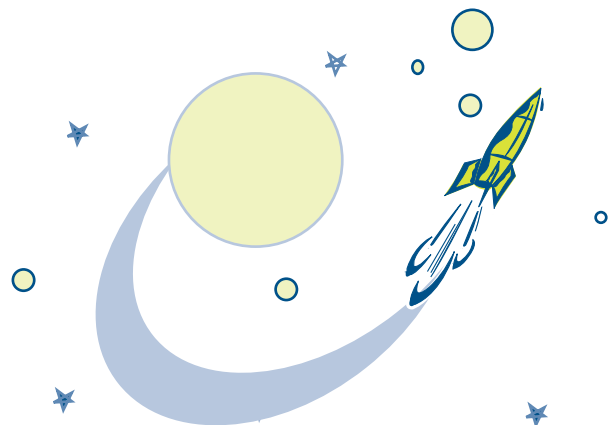
Marilyn Grey

Dealing with Change—There's Got to be a Laugh in There Somewhere



Paraeducators need to be ready to handle changes ranging from student behavior to State recommendations. Using her warmth and wit, Marilyn will inform and entertain you about the elements of change we find stressful. She incorporates the unique tools of survival including, perspective, laughter, and celebration.

In addition to being an outstanding speaker, Marilyn is a highly respected educator, school psychologist, college faculty member and author.



CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE & OVERVIEW



Monday, June 25	Conference Goals	General Information	
<p>5:00-6:30 p.m. Conference Check-in at Yakima Convention Center</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. Social (hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar)</p>	<p>Through a coordinated effort among the nine ESD Professional Development Centers, this statewide conference will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A professional growth experience for paraeducators who have instructional responsibilities. • An opportunity for paraeducators to increase their effectiveness in working with students. • A collegial support and networking system for paraeducators across the State of Washington. 	<p>Clock Hours/College Credit</p> <p>The conference has been approved for 8 clock hours for a fee of \$16. College credit (1) will be available for \$40 through Pacific Lutheran University. Registration for clock hours and college credit will occur the first day of the conference.</p> <p>Cancellation Policy</p> <p>Only written cancellations will be accepted until June 1, 2001. No refunds can be given after this date. Substitutions will be accepted through June 15, 2001.</p>	
Tuesday, June 26			
<p>7:00-8:15 a.m. Conference Check-in/Breakfast</p> <p>8:15-9:45 a.m. 1st General Session Welcome/Keynote: Anita Archer</p> <p>10:15-11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions – Set “A”</p> <p>12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch</p> <p>1:15-2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – Set “B”</p> <p>3:15-4:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – Set “C”</p> <p>4:45-6:30 p.m. Networking/Exhibits</p> <p>6:30-8:30 p.m. 2nd General Session/Dinner</p>	<th data-bbox="691 1108 1114 1161">Conference Sessions</th> <p data-bbox="691 1161 1114 1402">This year’s conference will focus on the 14 paraeducator core competencies. There will be over forty concurrent sessions provided on various topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional issues • math • behavior management • reading • performance assessment • diversity • safety/health/wellness • literacy • subject/content area • instruction • special needs/special education issues • teaming/communication 	Conference Sessions	<p>Location</p> <p>All general sessions and meals will be held in the Yakima Convention Center. All concurrent sessions will be held at West Coast’s Yakima Center and Gateway Hotels and the Yakima Convention Center.</p> <p>Special Accommodations</p> <p>If you need disability accommodations or have special dietary needs, please notify Jane Robb-Linse at least 15 days in advance of the event.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>For conference information, please contact: Jane Robb-Linse at jrobb@psed.wednet.edu, by phone at: (206) 439-3636 ext. 4036, or 1-800-664-4549, ext. 4036</p>
Wednesday, June 27			
<p>7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Exhibits</p> <p>8:00-8:10 a.m. Announcements</p> <p>8:30-10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions – Set “D”</p> <p>10:30-noon Concurrent Sessions – Set “E”</p> <p>12:15-2:30 p.m. 3rd General Session/Lunch Closing Keynote: Marilyn Grey</p>			

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration Fees

- \$145.00 (includes registration packet, all meals, and materials).
- **Registration Deadline:** June 1, 2001 or when 850 registrations are received.
- Registrations will not be accepted without payment.
- **No on-site registrations!**

Quick & Easy Registration

- Register early. The conference fills quickly.
- Complete registration form and return with payment to: Registration, Puget Sound ESD, 400 SW 152nd St, Burien, WA 98166.
- Please note we now accept payment by credit card. (Debit cards not accepted.)
- Make your lodging reservation. (You may want to arrive in Yakima Monday evening, June 25th.)
- Only written, cancellations will be accepted until June 1, 2001. No refunds can be given after this date. Substitutions will be accepted through June 15, 2001.

Accommodations

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. Blocks of rooms have been reserved for June 25 and June 26 at a special conference rate. Please indicate to the hotel that you are attending the Paraeducator Conference. Plan to check in at your hotel by 6:00 p.m. unless you have guaranteed your reservation with a credit card for a later arrival.

Rates listed below do not include sales tax of 10.9%. West Coast Hotels are adjacent to the Convention Center and will also be used for the concurrent sessions.

NOTE: Lodging reservations must be made by May 25, 2001 to qualify for the conference rate.

West Coast Hotels:

Yakima Center	(509) 248-5900	Single: \$74 Double: \$84
★ Gateway West Coast	(509) 452-6511	Same rate as above.

*Please contact Lynn Drake with the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau at 1-800-221-0751 for additional lodging information.



PARAEDUCATOR CONFERENCE JUNE 26 & 27, 2001

Please complete all information.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Position/Title _____

City/St/Zip _____

ESD # _____ District _____

Home Phone _____

School _____

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Work Address _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Fax # _____

Purchase Order# _____ Check# _____

Course# **PARAO1** _____

Credit Card # _____

Visa MC Expiration Date _____

Each participant should respond to the following:

1. Workshop Host

- Yes, I would be willing to be a workshop host at the conference (includes distributing and collecting evaluations, and providing other assistance as requested).
- No thanks, not this year.

2. Monday Night Social

- Yes, please include me in the Monday Night Social.
- No, I will not be able to attend.

3. I have attended previous Washington State Paraeducator Conference(s):

- 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998
- 1999 2000

Include credit card information or make check/purchase order payable to Puget Sound ESD and mail to:

Registration
Puget Sound ESD
400 SW 152nd St. • Burien, WA 98166
(206) 439-6927 / 1-800-664-4549 ext. 6927

NOMINATION

INFORMATION

Now is your chance to nominate this outstanding person for
"Para of the Year!" Please include the following in your nomination packet:

Name of paraeducator _____
Where employed _____
Work address/phone _____
Home address/phone _____
Number of years employed as a paraeducator _____
Name of nominator _____
Nominator's address/phone _____
Name of your ESD _____

- Write a short paragraph telling how this paraeducator exhibits exemplary work skills including qualities such as:
 - Communicates effectively
 - Listens attentively
 - Takes initiative
 - Understands his/her role in the school community/work setting
- Describe the unique qualities or characteristics that set this paraeducator apart from his/her peers.
- What contributions does this paraeducator make to improve student learning in the school/work environment during the workday and beyond?
- How does this paraeducator make a difference in the lives of his/her students or clients?
- What is this paraeducator's involvement in professional development?
- Include statements of support from students, parents, teachers, and/or peers.

Mail or Fax completed nominations to:
Jane Robb-Linse, Puget Sound ESD
400 S.W. 152nd St., Burien, WA 98166-2209
Fax: (206) 439-6915

Deadline: April 16, 2001

*Do you know
a paraeducator
who works
harder and is
more dedicated
than most?
Someone whose
loyalty and
commitment
should be
acknowledged?*

