



The Central Region Autism Spectrum Disorders Team Presents:
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Paraeducator-Teacher Conferencing
August 28, 2009, at ESU 10, 76 Plaza Blvd, Kearney, NE
Registration 8:30 am, Workshop 9:00 am-3:30 pm

This full-day workshop is designed to provide training for paraprofessional support staff and supervisory professionals (certified staff) who are working with children with autism and related disabilities. The focus will be on collaboration and defining roles and responsibilities. The first 20 teams (supervising teacher and paraprofessional/s) registering will receive a copy of The Paraprofessional's Guide to the Inclusive Classroom Working as a Team, Second Edition.

This workshop is appropriate for paraprofessionals, general and special education teachers who supervise paraprofessionals, administrators and school psychologists.

Topics that will be addressed include:

- A “short course” on autism and related conditions
 - The hallmark features of autism in social behavior and communication/language impairment
 - Impact of students’ interests, activities and imagination
 - Abnormal response to sensation
 - Theory of mind, information processing, and organization skills
- The changing roles and responsibilities of the paraprofessional as well as some pitfalls
- Being a member of a team in the inclusive classroom
- Providing curricular and individualized instructional support
- Understanding and implementing positive behavior supports
- Maintaining communication between team members and confidentiality of information

Where: Educational Service Unit 10, 76 Plaza Blvd, Kearney, NE

When: August 28, 2009

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.—registration

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—workshop

Cost: \$10 (lunch and handouts included)

Limited Registration: This workshop registration is recommended for teams of a paraprofessional(s) and their cooperating teacher(s).

Deadline: August 21, 2009 **Late registrations will not be accepted.**

Registration: School staff should register online through Odie. Go to <http://www.esu10.org>. Under Odie in the right hand column, click on workshops. Scroll to the appropriate workshop in the left hand column. Click on the date. Click on “Register for Workshop button.” Follow prompts to log in. Keyboard in your e-mail address, then your password. IF you do not have a password, make one of using eight characters, one of which must be a number. Select a payment method and then click on register. If you have questions about registration, please contact Polly Hays at 308-237-5927. Polly is available Tuesday-Friday from 8:00-3:30.

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