

Paraeducator Special Interest Group



Purpose: To promote professional practices of all paraeducators serving individuals with exceptionalities and support appropriate training supervision, and evaluation of performance relevant to their employment duties.

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Policy Position – “Position on Training for Paraeducators in Special Education We have great news to share! In a letter to Mary Catherine Scheeler, received from Antonio Katsiyannis, President of the CEC Board of Directors, the following quotes were included regarding our *Position Statement on Training for Paraeducators in Special Education*.

“I am pleased to let you know that the Board approved the following motion:

Move to, initiate the process for consideration of a policy on the training of paraeducators in special education as developed by the Paraeducator Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Teacher Education Division.”

To gather feedback from the field, the CEC’s Representative Assembly will hold an online discussion on the position paper. In addition, the Professional Standards and Practice Committee (PSPC) will hold a discussion relative to the position paper’s alignment with CEC standards. “The intent is for the Board to consider the RA’s and PSPC’s input and make a decision as to next steps at its meeting in early November.

Thank you for commitment to TED, to CEC and the field of special education.”

Volunteers Needed – We are in need of volunteers who are interested in serving in these positions for the Para SIG: chairperson, secretary, newsletter editor, membership. Two individuals may wish to be co-chairpersons. PLEASE SELF-NOMINATE OR NOMINATE AN INTERESTED MEMBER FOR THESE POSITIONS. These leadership positions will begin after the TED 2016 conference.

With great sadness, the Paraeducator Special Interest Group shares that the passing away of **Anna Lou Pickett**, a pioneer in the field, past co-chair and member of the SIG on May 10th 2016. Anna Lou will always be remembered for her efforts toward bringing respectability and professionalism to the paraeducator role as well as her immense commitment to teacher quality and preparation.

The SIG met twice in April, 2016: The CEC Conference in St. Louis, MO and the National Resource Center for Paraeducators Conference in Chicago, IL.

TED 2016 Conference, November 9-12, 2016, Lexington, Kentucky

Details about registration, sessions, lodging is available at <http://www.tedcec.org/conferences/ted-2016-conference-lexington>. We hope to see many of you in Lexington! We invite you to attend the next Paraeducator SIG meeting to be held on Thursday 10th from 3:00-3:50 in Suite 517 at Hilton Lexington during the TED conference.

Thank you for your commitment to paraprofessionals. Please send questions or comments to Denise Uitto at edconnectlearning@gmail.com or Ritu Chopra at ritu.chopra@ucdenver.edu.