

# The PARASeries: Summer Institute

July 6, 7, 8, 2011

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

CESA 5



COMMITMENT TO  
PROFESSIONAL  
GROWTH

## Day 1

**Julee Dredske**  
Title III Specialist

DPI Competency 8-Commitment to  
Professional Growth  
WEAC Elective 5 hours—Goal Setting/  
Portfolio Development  
SPP Indicator 3

## Day 2

**Karen Lietzow**  
RSN Project Director

BECOMING AN  
EFFECTIVE  
COMMUNICATOR

DPI Competency 2-Communication  
WEAC Communication Core 5 hours  
SPP Indicator 3

SUPPORTING THE  
WORKPLACE  
ENVIRONMENT

## Day 3

**Karen Lietzow**  
RSN Project Director

DPI Competency 1-Support &  
Collaboration-Confidentiality  
WEAC Legal Core 5 hours  
SPP Indicator 3

**Registration fee: \$200 (breakfast, lunch & materials included for 3 days of training)**

**Early Bird Discount: \$175 registration if received by June 8th**

To register, log on to [www.MyQuickReg.com](http://www.MyQuickReg.com)

**Workshop questions?** Email Karen Lietzow at [lietzowk@cesa5.k12.wi.us](mailto:lietzowk@cesa5.k12.wi.us)

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## Summer Professional Growth Institute

**WHO:** All preK-12 Paraprofessionals interested in increasing his/her knowledge by participating in professional development activities. The Institute may also serve as a starting point for entering the WEA ESP Certification process.

**WHEN:** July 21, 22, 23, 2009 - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day

**WHERE:** CESA 5 Office – 626 E. Slifer Street, Portage, WI 53901

**July 21, 2009**

### I. Commitment to Professional Growth

The paraprofessional will demonstrate a commitment to becoming a reflective practitioner by developing professional goals and documenting participation in continuing education programs by developing a professional portfolio.

**WEAC:** 5 hours Elective-Portfolio Development/**DPI:** #8 Commit to Professional Growth/**SPP:** 3

**July 22, 2009**

### II. Communication

The ability to communicate effectively in a school is critical. Paraprofessionals must have the ability to speak to a child at a level of comprehension he/she understands, and at the same time interact with parents, colleagues, and administrators in a professional manner. It is critical for paraprofessionals to follow directions and independently solve problems when needed.

**WEAC:** 5 hours Communication Core/**DPI:** #2 Communication/**SPP:** 3

**July 23, 2009**

### III. Supporting the Workplace Environment

A paraprofessional must understand his/her responsibilities as well as how all the other individuals in a school work together to support student achievement. While the job descriptions of paraprofessionals may vary greatly, all must learn to work collaboratively, efficiently, and ethically on a daily basis. Confidentiality, following procedures, and maintaining a professional level of conduct is also essential.

**WEAC:** 5 hours Legal Core/**DPI:** #1 Support and Collaboration-Confidentiality/**SPP:** 3

The **PARASeries** provides professional development for paraprofessionals based on the **Wisconsin Personnel Development Model**. Working in collaboration with both the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction** and the **WEAC Professional Development Academy**, programs are offered each year that address the *paraprofessional competency areas* identified by the Department in the document, *Paraprofessional Competencies and Professional Development Options (2006)*, as well as core and elective programs that meet the WEAC requirements for ESP certification. Additionally, the programs offered also address the *State Performance Plan 20 Indicators* which are another tool used by the state to measure student progress.

The **PARASeries** follows a two year cycle, providing a paraprofessional the opportunity to complete the requirements for the Level I ESP certification in a two year period. For information about the WEAC ESP certification, please visit the WEA Professional Development Academy at: <http://www.weac.org/constit/pda/espert/general.htm>

### \* Daily Schedule \*

8:30 AM Registration, Networking, Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Morning Session Begins

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Morning Session Resumes

12:00 PM LUNCH – Networking Opportunities – Fresh Air

1:00 PM Afternoon Session Begins

2:00 PM Break

2:15 PM Afternoon Session Resumes

3:30 PM Dismissal

**Beginning and ending times will be strictly adhered to ensure 5 hours of credit for each day.**