

## Best Practices for the Para Professional

Date: September 9, 2011 LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI Registration 8:00-8:30 am Session 8:30-3:30 pm

## **Description of workshop:**

Paraprofessionals play a vital role in today's classrooms. Under the supervision and management of teachers, paraprofessionals often prepare learning materials, instruct individual and small groups of students, and are important members of the school community. In the challenging environment of schools today, the paraprofessionals play an increasingly critical role in improving student achievement.

In the past, however, many paraprofessionals received little or no training on their role and specific responsibilities in the classroom. This workshop is designed to provide the paraprofessional with training that will support both the students and teachers in the instructional setting - grades 4K-8.

The following topics will be discussed:

- distinction in roles, responsibilities, and communication of professional personnel and paraprofessionals
- classroom management
- time management
- instructional strategies that enhance student learning in groups and one-on-one tutoring
- the importance of a "Team Approach" for successful student outcomes

**Audience:** 4K-8 Instructional Paraprofessionals

**Presenter:** Linda Reetz has enjoyed a career spanning more than a quarter century. During those years she has been a Title I Paraprofessional, Title I Reading Teacher, a Remedial Reading Teacher, Elementary level classroom teacher, Teacher Supervisor, Director of an Alternative Licensure Program, and Adhoc University Instructor. In her current position with CESA 6, Linda has been responsible for PI 34, which is the new licensure system for teacher candidates, training mentors for school district support, coordinating Title I programs with the CESA 6 school districts, providing literacy support as a staff developer and coach in school districts.

Cost: \$100.00 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials

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