Paraprofessional Educators
7 week ONLINE series

with Abby Hanscom

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**Week 1**
**Roles and Responsibilities** - Clarity around the role and the responsibilities for instruction and support is an essential part of the job. This workshop is an opportunity to review job descriptions and think through what the job of instructional assistant looks like in your district.

**Week 2**
**Characteristics of Disabilities** - An opportunity for a thorough review of each of the Federal and State disability categories. Ask questions and make connections to the daily work at school. A review of the Eligibility requirements for special education and an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 504 document process.

**Week 3**
**The IEP document, Accommodations and Modifications** - The IEP is the foundational document of our field. This workshop provides an opportunity to go through the sections of the IEP, and become familiar with accommodations and modifications.

**Week 4**
**Overview of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** - There are a lot of acronyms in special education. SEL and PBIS are here to stay as approaches to building positive and healthy school climates and behavior intervention systems. This workshop provides an overview of both and an opportunity to look for applications to your classroom and school.
Week 5
Overview of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Assistive Technology (AT) - Schools can and are being designed (and redesigned) to meet the needs of more and more students. Low tech, Mid Tech and High Technology approaches and tools are changing the landscape of special education. This workshop provides an overview of these two leading concepts in special education and inclusive classroom planning and instruction.

Week 6
Working with Families - Parents are key supports and collaborators in the successful education of children with disabilities. This workshop provides an overview of Parent’s Rights and Responsibilities in special education and how school staff can create positive and productive relationships with parents on behalf of students.

Week 7
Collaborating and Managing Stress - Working with adults is a challenge! Working with adults and children at the same time can be stressful! This workshop provides an opportunity to review key aspects of successful adult communication skills, how to handle resistance and difficult conversations and learning about your own style as a communicator and professional.