

## Regional Special Education Paraprofessional Conferences

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The SWWC Special Education Department hosted the **Knowledge Empowers You! Paraprofessional Conferences** on August 9 in Worthington and August 16 in Willmar.

Over 600 paraprofessionals attended from the following districts: Adrian, BBE, Canby, Eden Valley-Watkins, Edgerton, Ellsworth, Fulda, Glencoe-Silver Lake, Hendricks, Hills-Beaver Creek, Jackson County Central, Lake Benton, Luverne, Murray County Central, Mountain Lake, New London-Spicer, Pipestone, Prinsburg, Red Rock Central, SWWC's Educational Learning Centers, Tracy, Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Willmar and Worthington.

Paraprofessionals participated in a general session covering annual training requirements, followed by concurrent breakout sessions covering topics such as Data Collection, Basic First Aid, Supporting Challenging Behaviors, Fostering Independence, Trauma Informed Care, Engagement Strategies, Making Sense of Sensory Breaks, Self-Care and Mental Health, Science of Reading, Math Strategies, Disability Categories, and more.

SWWC would like to share a special thank you to the Willmar and Worthington school districts, the amazing presenters, and everyone who assisted in making the day a success!

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### Pictures from the Worthington Conference





Pictures from the Willmar Conference

