



# 2022 WPTA Summer Conference Agenda

6/6/2022



## Tuesday, June 28, 6:30–9:00 WPTA Tailgate Party (Dinner Provided) – Ramkota Veranda

### Wednesday, June 29, 2022

8:00	Opening Session	WPTA	GB
	Rodeo Awards	Paula Dennis	
9:15	Break		
9:30	Busing On The Lookout Truckers Against Trafficking	Annie Sovcik	GB
10:30	Self Care and Wellness	Kirsten Espinoza M.S.	GB
11:30	Lunch (Provided)		
12:30	Operation Lifesaver	Jeff Matthews	Teton
	Changing the atmosphere of your bus	Teena Mitchell	GB-C
	True Colors	Lisa Herold	GB-S
12:30-2:30	*Wyoming Highway Patrol *Special Needs Equipment, Safety, and Evacuations	Clint Christensen Lisa Nippolt	Theater GB-N
	<b>* This is a 2 hour session</b>		
1:45	Operation Lifesaver	Jeff Matthews	Teton
	Challenges for Transportation	Teena Mitchell	GB-C
1:45-3:45	*Transportation Supporting Student Behavior	Kirsten Espinoza M.S.	GB-S
	<b>* This is a 2 hour session</b>		
3:00	Operation Lifesaver	Jeff Matthews	Teton
	True Colors	Lisa Herold	GB-C
	Transporting to a "T" Your Story	Dr. Steve Sroka	Theater
	Generational Differences	Dr. Nicholas Whipps	GB-N
4:30	Supervisors meeting	WPTA	Theater
	Trainers Roundtable		Theater

### Thursday, June 30, 2022

8:00	Wyoming Retirement	George Eason	Teton
	Transporting to a "T" Your Story	Dr. Steve Sroka	GB-S
	Dealing with Change "Who Moved My Cheese"	Judy Trohkimoinen	GB-N
8:00-10:00	*Wyoming Highway Patrol *Special Needs Equipment, Safety, and Evacuations	Clint Christensen Lisa Nippolt	Theater GB-C
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	Dealing with Change "Who Moved My Cheese"	Judy Trohkimoinen	GB-C
	Understanding the 13 disabilities	Teena Mitchell	GB-N
	Transporting to a "T" Your Story	Dr. Dr. Steve Sroka	Theater
11:30	Lunch (Provided)		
12:30	The Courage to Live, Lead and Transport in the Face of Adversity It's All About Relationships	Dr. Steve Sroka	GB
2:30	Closing Session	WPTA	GB

**Dr. Steve Sroka- Power of One**-This motivational speaker is filled with "tips from the road" to help you keep your students, staff and community safe and healthy so they can learn more and live better. It is packed with cutting-edge information, practical strategies and heartfelt stories about mental health, kindness, the power of words, the trauma-informed brain (adverse childhood experiences), social emotional learning, stress management, wellness, and school and community climate and safety. It is about finding your warrior aura to be fearless in the face of adversity.

**Dr. Nicholas Whipps-Generational Differences** Our workforce in America is more diverse than ever, especially when it comes to age. Getting multiple generations to work together effectively is critical for success in any organization. This class is will look at gaining an understanding of the complexity of leading an organization comprised of four or even five generations: traditionalists, baby boomers, Gen Xers, millennials, and Gen Zers. We will talk about the differences in the cultures in which each generation was raised, and what you can do when managing and working with people young enough to be your child and old enough to be your parent. Plus, learn how to leverage each generation's unique strengths.

**Lisa Nippolt-Q'Straint** product function/correct principles for both wheelchair/occupant. Equipment pre-trip maintenance, safety and liability. Challenges and product solutions on different devices and equipment (strollers/walkers, etc.) Hands on demonstration and solutions to equipment and occupant questions.

**Operation Lifesaver**-Railroad crossing bus safety. Operation Lifesaver is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives with free rail safety education presentations in communities throughout the U.S.

**George Eason-Wyoming Retirement**- Find out about your retirement options with Wyoming Retirement System. Our goal is to help you build your financial future with a successful retirement plan. We provide programs and tools that help public employees plan for a financially secure future.

**Annie Sovcik-Truckers Against Trafficking** School transportation can play a crucial role in identifying and responding to potential cases of child trafficking, especially as it is an integral component of the school environment.

**Kirsten M. Espinoza M.S., LPC**- Physiological understanding behind behaviors. provides professional development in a variety of educational and mental health areas: Trauma Informed Schools, Restorative Practices, PBIS/MTSS Implementation, Classroom and Behavior Management, Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

**Elise Robillard-True Colors** is a personality test that is a fun and exciting way of understanding yourself and understanding others.

**Teena Mitchell**-Provides training of specialized transportation skills, securing car seats, safety vests, wheel chairs, understanding the legal aspects of transporting children with disabilities, and learning about the different state and federal laws that regulate special needs.

**Lisa Herold** - UniServ Director for the Wyoming Education Association, serving the Southwest Region. Her workshop "True Colors" allows participants to learn about their own personality and leadership styles while also learning about the personality and leadership styles of the people they work and interact with. Participants will have fun and gain a better understanding of group dynamics and how to work/play to everyone's strengths.

**Judy Trohkimoinen**- UniServ Director for the Wyoming Education Association, serving the Central and Northeast Regions. Her workshop "Dealing with Change: Who Moved My Cheese" is based on a book by the same name which tells a parable that you can directly apply to your own life, in order to stop fearing what lies ahead and instead thrive in an environment of change and uncertainty.