



2021 WPTA Summer Conference Agenda



Celebrating 50 years of education and supporting Wyoming Pupil Transportation

Tuesday, July 13, 6:30-9:00

WPTA Tailgate Party (Dinner Provided)----Ramkota Veranda

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Thursday, July 15, 2021

8:00 Opening Session WPTA GB
Rodeo Awards Paula Dennis

9:15 Break

9:30 What to do when the wheels come off the bus Kim Ratz GB

11:30 Lunch (Provided)

12:30 Resilience Cheryl Spittler GB-S
Wyoming Retirement George Eason Teton

7 Steps to Handling Difficult Conversations Rene Minder GB-C

Managing Difficult Situations Elissa Ruckle GB-N

12:30-2:45 *Q'Straint Lisa Nippolt Theater
*** This is a 2 hour session**

1:45 Wyoming Retirement George Eason Teton
7 Steps to Handling Difficult Conversations Rene Minder GB-C

Managing Difficult Situations Elissa Ruckle GB-N

1:45-3:45 *Behavior Management Cheryl Spittler GB-S
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3:00 Wyoming Retirement George Eason Teton
7 Steps to Handling Difficult Conversations Rene Minder GB-C
Professionalism Elissa Ruckle GB-N
Best Buddies David Holland Theater

4:30 Supervisors meeting WPTA TR

8:00 Operation Lifesaver Jeff Matthews Teton
Professionalism Elissa Ruckle GB-C
TSA-First Observer Plus Keith Turner/Doug Deskin GB-N
Playing nice in the sand box Kim Ratz GB-S

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PR is not a bad word Kim Ratz GB-S

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10:30 Operation Lifesaver Jeff Matthews Teton
Best Buddies David Holland GB-C
TSA-First Observer Plus Keith Turner/Doug Deskin GB-N
People don't leave jobs, they leave bosses Kim Ratz GB-S

11:30 Lunch (Provided)

12:30 Speed of Trust Cheryl Spittler GB

2:30 Closing Session WPTA GB

Kim Ratz- Kim brings an important message to our team members, he understands and believes in what you do. Kim has worked in schools for 20 years and with all school employee groups including School Bus Drivers for 27 years.

Cheryl Spittler-Speed of Trust will Provide participants with the mindset, skillset, and toolset that will inspire trust in the workplace and a solid foundation for a healthy workplace environment. **Resilience** will identify fundamental shifts to build our capacity for resilience and increase our understanding regarding the importance of self-care. **Behavior Management** will provide a deeper understanding for front line personnel, clarify acronym associated with school behavior, examine the purpose of PBIS and MTSS and build skills to develop relationships.

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.

TSA First Observer Plus-Security awareness training program. Its message is simple: "Observe, Assess, and Report suspicious activities." Just by being aware of their surroundings within the work environment, transportation professionals can be the eyes and ears to observe activities that "don't look right."

Elissa Ruckle-Elevate Wyoming - Professionalism, representing your department in actions and words. **Stress**, Managing difficult situations, responding to situations rather than reacting)

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.

Reagan Werick-Department of Transportation- CDL rules of the road and my commercial motor vehicle.

David Holland - Provide drivers with information about Best Buddies.

Rene Minder - 7 Steps to handling difficult conversations. Rene inspires others to adapt communication skills to build successful, professional and personal relationships. Identify skills to resolve crucial conversations which are key to organizational, team and personal success.