

# 40th Annual AFT Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel Conference

2017 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORMS



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**AFT PSRP**

Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel

## PSRP JUMP-START

APRIL 27-28

## PSRP PROFESSIONAL ISSUES CONFERENCE

APRIL 28-30

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

## SCHEDULE

		Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30
PSRP Jump-Start		2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – noon		
PSRP Professional Issues Conference			1:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – noon
Health and Safety Fair					8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### PRE-CONFERENCE JUMP-START:

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.** PSRP Jump-Start (requires a separate registration)
- NOON – 5:00 P.M.** Registration Open for the PSRP Professional Issues Conference

### PSRP CONFERENCE:

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00 A.M.** Registration and Information Desk Opens for the PSRP Conference
- 9:00 A.M. – NOON** PSRP Jump-Start (continued)
- 1:15 P.M.** Workshops
- 3:15 P.M.** Workshops
- 5:15 P.M.** Orientation for First-Time Attendees
- 7:00 P.M.** Opening General Session
- 9:00 P.M.** Reception



## **SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

<b>7:00 A.M.</b>	Information Desk Opens
<b>7:30 A.M.</b>	Job Group Breakfast Meetings
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	General Session
<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	Workshops
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	Luncheon
<b>2:30 P.M.</b>	Workshops
<b>8:00 P.M.</b>	Solidarity Night

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	Information Desk Opens
<b>8:00-10:00 A.M.</b>	Health and Safety Fair
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Workshops
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	Closing General Session

### **PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS**

All pre-conference events require pre-registration. Please remember to plan for an early hotel arrival, if necessary.

### **PSRP JUMP-START**

“Fighting Forward: Together We Are Stronger” and “Fighting Back: We’re In It to Win It”

The PSRP Jump-Start pre-conference event is broken into two parts. The first part, “Fighting Forward: Together We Are Stronger,” will be held on Thursday, April 27, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second part, “Fighting Back: We’re In It to Win It,” will be held on Friday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Although Friday’s session builds on Thursday’s session, each session can stand alone and benefit you and your union.

On Thursday, we are going to dissect what a strong PSRP union in 2017 looks like. In Friday’s session, we are going to give you the training and tools you need to start fighting back and winning. We will take our work from Thursday’s session and begin to explore our role not only as school and college support staff, but as unionists, activists and leaders.

**REGISTER ONLINE** at <http://go.aft.org/PSRP2017>.

### **WORKSHOPS**

Each of our workshops will be one hour and 45 minutes long. As often as possible, they will include AFT PSRP members and leaders as presenters. Workshops will address:

Union leader skills, such as building steward/representative structures, communicating with your members and engaging the community.

Worker skills and knowledge, such as bilingual education, dealing with diversity, student management, customer service, classroom teams, green cleaning and reading comprehension.

Advocating for worker/workplace concerns, such as health and safety, coalition building, workplace stress, political action/federal legislation and fighting privatization.

### **JOB GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

Join us for a job group discussion breakfast session on Saturday, April 29. These sessions are designed to bring together participants who share similar work responsibilities to discuss common needs. Members of the PSRP program and policy council (PPC) will facilitate these sessions and take recommendations back to the PPC for follow-up.

We’ll have job groups on all types of job classifications—from paraprofessionals to custodians to college financial service coordinators and everything in between!