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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2013-049

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Special Education Directors  
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**FROM:** Joanne Whitson  
WY Deaf-Blind Project

**DATE:** April 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** WDE offers workshop for students and professionals working with low vision students

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## INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education will sponsor a professional development opportunity for teachers and professionals who work with low vision clients on June 3-6 in Rawlins.

The program, titled "Strategies for Assessing, Stimulating and Enhancing Functional Vision," will provide therapists, teachers and professionals information on functional vision assessments, focusing on intervention stimulation, and enhancing visual functioning of children and adults with low vision. The course will focus on two different areas: strategies for assessing the visual functioning of children and strategies for stimulating and enhancing visual functioning and efficient use of vision without low vision optical devices. The program hopes to aid daily living and mobility activities for clients with low vision, who are experiencing reduced visual acuity and reduced visual field.

The program will be taught by Dr. Audrey Smith and Joanne Whitson. Dr. Smith is a Professor and the Dean of the College of Education at Salus University. She has worked as a low-vision therapist at Salus University's William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center. She was also the Orientation and Mobility Specialist at the Philadelphia Center for the Blind. Whitson is a Rehabilitation Vision Therapist for the WY Deaf-Blind Project as well as a

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Consultant for Services for the Visually Impaired at the Wyoming Department of Education.

The course will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily at the Bess Sheller Room of the Carbon Building in Rawlins. The registration fee is \$85. For more information, contact Joanne Whitson at 307-324-5333 or [joanne.whitson@wyo.gov](mailto:joanne.whitson@wyo.gov). The deadline for registrations is May 20.