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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2013-050

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Special Education Directors  
School Nurses

**FROM:** Joanne Whitson  
WY Deaf-Blind Project

**DATE:** April 29 , 2013

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

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## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Service providers for clients with low vision are invited for a three-day workshop in Casper, sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Education.

The Low Vision Assessment and Intervention program seeks to instruct service providers to identify a variety of non-optical materials for enhancing visual functioning and describe methods for incorporating non-optical devices with optical device instruction. Other proposed outcomes for the conference include identifying and describing four types of magnification, listing advantages of various visual field enhancement optical devices, outlining and describing training activities using visual field enhancement systems for optimizing visual functioning.

The program will be taught by Dr. Duane Gerushat and Joanne Whitson. Dr. Gerushat is an associate professor in the College of Education at Salus University. He has taught graduate-level courses in the area of low vision for over 30 years. He is certified in low vision as well as orientation and mobility. He was also the editor of the Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness from 2005-2012. Whitson is a Rehabilitation Vision Therapist for the WY Deaf-Blind Project as well as a Consultant for Services for the Visually Impaired at the Wyoming Department of Education.

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The course will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily at the Wyoming Department of Education's Outreach Library for the Deaf in Casper. 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 June 30.