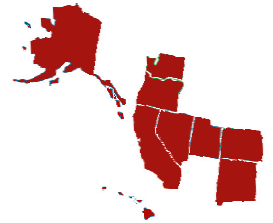




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Happy New Year to Everyone. At Mountain Pacific Troops to Teachers, we'd like to welcome back:

Illana Gordon Named New Mexico/Utah State Director!

Effective January 1, 2012 Illana Gordon has taken on the position of State Director for New Mexico and Utah. Illana has worked with Troops to Teachers for the past five years and has held several positions including acting as a New Mexico counselor. Illana is now charged with all New Mexico and Utah Troops to Teachers operations and is happy to assist you during your transition to a teaching career. You can reach Illana directly at 800-438-6851 ext. 11 or igordon@mpttt.org



Congratulations

- Michael Kloenne**, Colorado Springs SD 11
- Jerry Archuleta**, CO Mapleton SD 1
- William Arrington**, CO Mapleton SD 1
- Scott Dufaud**, CO Academy SD 20
- Charles Gaines**, CO DPS
- Lauren Martin**, CO Woodland Park SD RE-2
- Roosevelt Wilson**, CO Harrison SD 2
- Brian Wyatt**, CO DPS 1
- Christine Duprow**, Anchorage SD
- Elmer Harmon**, Anchorage SD
- Bill Luce**, AK Mat-Su Borough Schools,



Program Services and Participant Responsibilities

During the initial counseling session, the counselor will:

- Determine which subjects the participant is most eligible to teach
- Discuss licensure options and pathways
- Provide an individualized Teacher Licensure Action Plan
- Generally inform the participant of stipend, bonus, and other financial assistance available
- Discuss employment opportunities to include substitute teaching and alternative routes to licensure
- Offer assistance with resume
- Provide letters of recommendation if appropriate

After personalized counseling, the participant is expected to:

- Enroll in and complete a teacher licensure program
- Coordinate with the national office for stipend/bonus funding
- Obtain a substitute license if desired
- Obtain a full-time position within a school district when qualified

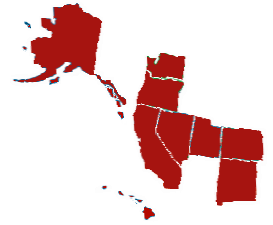
MPTTT will provide continuous assistance by:

- Providing notification of job openings
- Providing recommendation letters as necessary
- Conducting employment workshops concerning resume building, interview skills, and financial aid information



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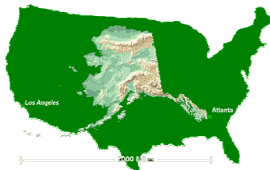


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Alaska brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Alaska.aspx>

Alaska

Contact AK TTT State Manager, John Scheuer, at 800-438-6851 or jscheuer@mpttt.org and visit the AK TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Alaska.aspx>

Teach in Alaska – “The Last Frontier”

4/12-14 - Hotel Captain Cook (Anchorage). Sponsored by Alaska Teacher Placement (University of Alaska) and serves as the "flagship" recruiting event with 45 of the 52 state's districts attending. Regarding securing a contract at the event, ATP states that *"There is no guarantee. However, if you are certified or easily certifiable, have a good educational background, and have skills that districts need there is a good chance that a trip to the Anchorage or Minnesota ATP Job Fairs will result in employment offers either at the event, or later as a result of the event. In the last three years alone, at least 3000 teachers have obtained positions this way, so there is no reason to believe that a marketable candidate won't get hired."* Registration information is not yet available, but will be posted through the ATP web page at http://www.alaskateacher.org/doku.php/alaska_job_fairs.

In conjunction with the Anchorage ATP Job Fair, the TTT state manager will not only be in attendance, but will also be conducting TTT seminars at JBER (Elmendorf-Richardson), Fort Wainwright, and Eielson AFB, and will be conducting a 'pre job fair' workshop focused on resume writing and interviewing tips/techniques. Locations and times have not yet been solidified, but will be posted on the TTT regional web page calendar of events: <http://www.mpttt.org/CalendarofEvents.aspx>. Email notifications will also be sent to all TTT teacher candidates with a stated interest in teaching in Alaska. Of course feel free to contact the TTT AK state manager, John Scheuer at 800-438-6851, jscheuer@mpttt.org. If you are teaching, contact John if you'd like to arrange a classroom visit.

California

California brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/California.aspx>



Contact CA TTT State Manager, Bill Leitheiser, at 619-594-6325 or bleitheiser@mpttt.org and visit the CA TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/California.aspx>

Volunteer with Junior Achievement:

California Troops to Teachers has formed partnerships with local Junior Achievement (JA) offices across the state in order to open doors to networks and connections for troops considering or currently enrolled in California teacher licensure programs.

Junior Achievement is a respected nationwide nonprofit organization offering the opportunity to volunteer in local schools, inspiring, motivating, and preparing young people to succeed in the global economy while reinforcing California Content Standards from kindergarten through high school. As a trained JA volunteer, you help reinforce the value of education and good character to students.

At the same time, you -- the future teacher -- get the chance to volunteer with different grade levels, gain insight into the profession of teaching by speaking with current classroom teachers in an informal setting, and make valuable connections and create favorable impressions with school administrators and hiring officials. Volunteering with JA pays off by providing you, the future teacher, with 1) personal enrichment, 2) an appreciation for the potential of children, and 3) connections that give you an edge when applying for your first job as a classroom teacher.

To learn more about the work of Junior Achievement, visit their website at <http://www.ja.org/> and then contact your California Troops to Teachers office at 619-594-6325 / 6326.



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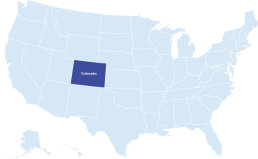


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Colorado brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Colorado.aspx>

Colorado

Contact CO TTT State Manager, John Scheuer, at 800-438-6851 or jscheuer@mpttt.org and visit the CO TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Colorado.aspx>

In preparation for upcoming teacher job fairs, listed on our web site www.mpttt.org, the TTT CO office will be hosting a workshop focused on resume writing (including cover letters etc) and interviewing tips/techniques. Workshops will be 3/2 - resumes 1200-1400 and interviewing 1500-1700 at our regional office - 1 Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. RSVP to 800-438-6851 or info@mpttt.org

Upcoming Teacher Job Fairs:

3/10 @ 4th Annual Charter School Teacher Job Fair - Peak to Peak Charter School (Lafayette, CO). Information and registration:

<http://www.cpdcolorado.org/charter-school-teacher-job-fair/information-for-teachers>

3/23 @ Sand Creek HS (only Colorado Springs and Pueblo area districts/schools attending). Registration is \$15 and limited to 450 teacher candidates. Information and registration:

<https://m360.co-case.org/ViewEvent.aspx?id=40847&instance=0>

3/24 @ Westminster HS (metro Denver area districts attending). Registration is \$15. Information and registration:

<https://m360.co-case.org/ViewEvent.aspx?id=21701&instance=0>

4/3 @ Colorado Mesa University, University Center Ballroom. Registration is \$20. Information and registration:

<http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/edfair.html>

4/4-5 @ University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO), Butler Hancock Pavilion. Information and registration:

<http://www.unco.edu/careers/student/events/teacheremployment.html>

4/9-10 @ Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO). Registration information not currently available, but see

<http://www.fortlewis.edu/careerservices/home.aspx>

4/11 @ Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO), Lory Student Center Main Ballroom. Contact Diane Hellbusch; career_info@mail.colostate.edu, (970) 491-5707.

4/12 @ Colorado State University (Pueblo), OUC Ballroom. Contact Tanya Baird - tanya.baird@colostate-pueblo.edu, 719-549-2553

Guam

Contact Guam TTT Territory Manager, Meghan Stidd, at 800-438-6851 or mstidd@mpttt.org and visit the Guam TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Guam.aspx>



GCEC Has Moved to a Temporary Location.

The Guam Commission for Educator Certification has moved to a temporary location:

Department of Public Works – Building B
542 N. Marine Drive
Tamuning, Guam 96913

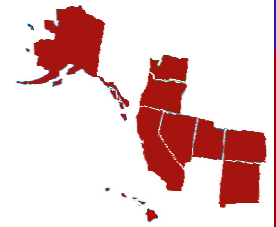
Guam brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Guam.aspx>

For a street and building map of the temporary location please visit <http://gcec.guam.gov>



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CNMI brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/CNMI.aspx>

Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands

Contact CNMI Coordinator, Geri Willis, at 670-234-5498 ext 1028 or 670-235-9163 or gwillis@mpttt.org and visit the NM I TTT web page at: www.mpttt.org/States/CNMI.aspx

Please check out the Marianas Variety

<http://www.mvariety.com/2012011043101/local-news/teaching-as-second-career-for-troops-43101.php>

CNMI was interviewed on KSPN, the local television station. Ms. Willis, dropped off brochures at the local Army Reserve Center on Saipan and discussed the program with them. She also met with the Army Recruiter on island and he was excited that there is a program at the local University. This is one of the largest recruiting centers among the 50 states and territories.

Willis gave a presentation to Northern Marianas College faculty and staff relative to the effects of combat related stress on learning in an academic environment which includes how it affects them during stress times etc.

She also attended one of Kevin Shea's workshop in the states on the subject and thought our personnel should know of some of the issues. Kevin teaches at the Command and General Staff College, Leadership Training. Ms. Willis is currently working with the NMC Education Department to transition soldiers in the teaching program in their junior and senior year and into the TTT program.

Hawaii

Contact HI TTT State Manager, Meghan Stidd, at 800-438-6851 or mstidd@mpttt.org and visit the HI TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Hawaii.aspx>



Hawaii Testing Requirements Have Changed!

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board has revised the PRAXIS testing requirements to obtain a Hawaii license. Individuals who complete a State Approved Teacher Education Program (SATEP) in Hawaii or out of state are no longer required to pass the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam. However, individuals applying from out of state who have never completed a SATEP and are applying through the Experience Route are still required to pass the PLT.

There is a transition period between the old and new exams. If you are currently enrolled in a SATEP or have already passed some of your required examinations, please contact the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to determine what tests are required for your endorsement area. The PRAXIS I exam remains an entry requirement for Hawaii teacher certification programs and most subject areas require a content area exam. However, certain subject areas including Hawaiian language, drama, and a variety of foreign languages do not require a content area examination.

Please visit the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board website, <http://htsb.org/html/details/licensing/praxistable.html> for the latest testing requirements.

Upcoming Events:

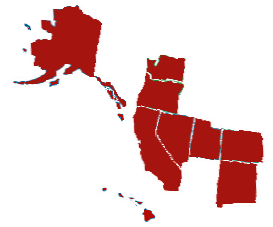
Meghan Stidd will be conducting Teaching as a Second Career Seminars throughout Oahu in the week of April 2, 2012 in conjunction with the Hawaii Charter School Conference. The dates and event details are still being finalized so please check our regional website for the latest event information, www.mpttt.org

Hawaii brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Hawaii.aspx>



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Scholarships for HS Seniors available on our website <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Nevada.aspx>

Nevada

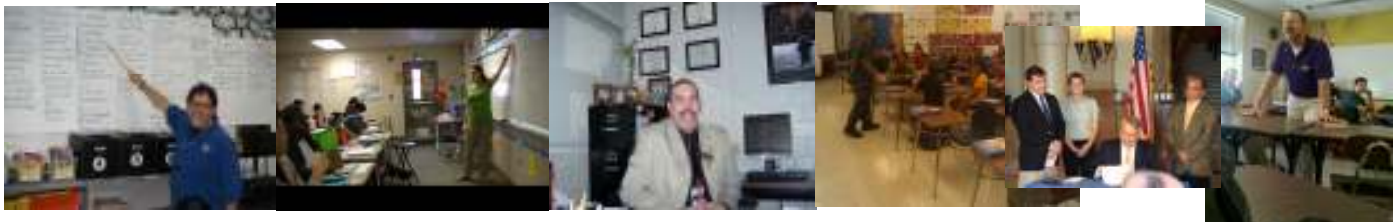
Contact NV TTT State Manager, Myles Judd at 888-861-0231 or mjudd@mpttt.org and visit the NV TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Nevada.aspx>

Superintendent Dwight D. Jones, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, community leaders, and school staff will once again come together to encourage students to "Reclaim their Future" by returning to the classroom. Volunteers will meet at designated schools, form teams of two or three and go door to door to re-engage students. Sign up for this community-wide effort to reach out and help more students earn their high school diplomas. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the **CCSD Partnership Office** at **(702) 799-6560** or visit <http://ccsd.net/reclaim-your-future/>.

Military Parent notes:

Nevada brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Nevada.aspx>

The US Air Force Academy (USAFA) Summer Seminar application process opens Dec. 1-Feb. 29. Beginning this January, admissions are on a rolling basis, so apply early. The Summer Seminar represents a unique opportunity for students to get realistic idea of what it means to attend USAFA. Attendees are exposed to more than 30 workshops, stay in dorms, and work with cadets and faculty. For more information email usafa_summer_seminar@usafa.edu or **Maj. Jennifer Morrison** usafa1994@live.com. A YouTube video is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bsm2jPvBrK8>.



New Mexico

Contact NM TTT State Manager, Illana Gordon, at 800-438-6851 or Igor-don@mpttt.org and visit the NM TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/NewMexico.aspx>



New Mexico is one of the most diverse states in the nation, and this diversity is reflected in the strengths and needs of New Mexico's students. The ability of a highly qualified teacher to address the learning needs of all New Mexico's students, including those students who learn differently as a result of disability, culture, language, or socioeconomic status. Although the transition to teaching program is no longer operating the Public Education Department continues to accept alternative licensure candidate as long as they can secure employment with a school district.

Updates: We have recently established the a Troops to Teachers mentor program in the state of New Mexico, where successful participants help guide and support new candidates through the licensure process. Thank you to all of our participants that have agreed to serve as mentors!!

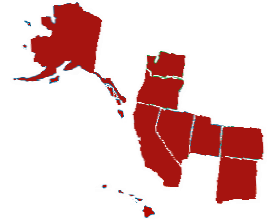
If you are interested in working with a mentor please let me know and I will connect you with a mentor in your area. If you would like to get involved as a mentor we would be happy to have your experience and guidance. For more information on this please contact me at: 1-800-438-6851 or igordon@mpttt.org.

New Mexico brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/NewMexico.aspx>



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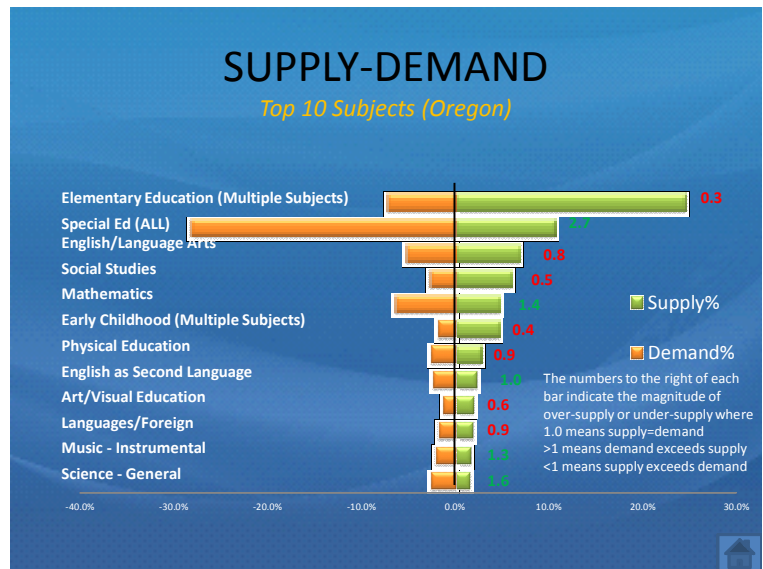
Oregon brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Oregon.aspx>

Oregon

Contact OR TTT Associate Director, Ed Brands, at 360-608-0482 or EBrands@mpttt.org or TTT State Director Tim Bomke, at 253-973-9775 or tbomke@mpttt.org and visit the OR TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Oregon.aspx>

Oregon TTT, was at the Salem-Keizer Educator Fair on 28JAN12. Mr. Brands, will also have a booth at the Pendleton Yellow Ribbon Veterans Job Fair on 11FEB12 as well as the Oregon Professional Educator Fair (OPEF) on 10APR12. Stop in and see him at any of these events.

The slide on the right, is provided courtesy of EDZAPP. For those of you still deciding which area of teaching to pursue it might be enlightening and helpful. This is based on 2010 data. Remember that having a SPED endorsement doesn't mean you have to be teaching in a SPED classroom-it is helpful for General education teachers too and it gets you to the interview. Oregon school administrators were surveyed, and they estimated that "about 15% of educators are within 3 years of retirement". So my perception is that we have seen the bottom for teaching employment opportunities in Oregon and things will slowly improve from here.



Utah

Contact UT TTT State Manager, Illana Gordon at 800-438-6851 or igordon@mpttt.org and visit the UT TTT web page at <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Utah.aspx>



Utah has one of the most effective public education systems in the United States. We recognize that there is an art and science to teaching and we value quality instruction in the classroom. Whether in our beautiful red-rock country, picturesque mountains, or busy urban cities, consider becoming a part of our education system. With at least 50,000 new students expected in the next five years, Utah has many wonderful opportunities to educate and make a difference in the lives of the children and youth of this great state.

High need subject areas continue to be in: Math, Science, Special Education, Elementary Education and Early Childhood (Kindergarten). Utah continues to offer flexible licensing options through their Alternative Routes to Licensure and I would be happy to help you explore these options if you are interested.

Job Openings: Aristotle Academy in American Fork, Utah is looking for teachers! This is a new charter school that plans to open to students in the Fall of 2012. For more information or to apply please visit their website <http://aristotleacademyk8.com/default.aspx>.

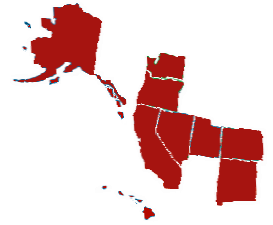
Teachers-Teacher continues to post job vacancies throughout Utah and if you have not already I recommend registering with them as soon as possible. www.teachers-teachers.com.

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Washington brochure and booklet <http://www.mpttt.org/States/Washington.aspx>

Washington

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Greetings Washington Troops to Teachers participants. With my office being located at JBLM, I have been able to reach out to the service members of Ft. Lewis and McChord successfully. In the coming months, I will be hosting Teaching as a Second Career Seminars at Fairchild AFB, Naval Station Bremerton-Bangor, Naval Station Everett and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. If you are located in one of these areas or know of anyone who is interested in exploring the teaching profession, please encourage them to attend. Dates will be forthcoming.

I am also in the process of uncovering Washington State's veteran preference in hiring in relation to teaching positions. I have been unable to get a straight answer as of yet, but am confident we will be able to uncover the truth.

Another exciting prospect for Washington is the route 4 pathway to becoming a teacher. Route 4 involves attending a summer teaching academy and then teaching under a conditional certificate at a school district at the beginning of the following school year. This alternative route is unique because it is not an unpaid internship. Candidates are considered highly qualified under No Child Left Behind and are salaried. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university to enter into a route 4 certification program. This route is not used often by school districts and many are unaware of how it can be used. Working together with the Professional Educator Standards Board in Olympia, I plan to inform school districts of the route 4 option and begin placing TTT candidates. The key with route 4 is coordination with school districts. School districts will need to fill out paperwork to request a route 4 candidate to fill an anticipated, vacant teaching position. For more information, check out this link:

http://pathway.pesb.wa.gov/alternative_routes/routes/route4

State Manager Commentary on Alternative vs. Traditional Licensure:

I have seen many "ups and down" in the field of education over the last decade. From content standards, to teacher accountability, to debates over instruction of English Language Learners, to qualifications of superintendents (including whether there should be certification/licensure requirements for the position). One of the most vital trends has been on establishing/regulating initial qualifications for teacher licensure/certification. For the most part this "quick route" has been through a variety of alternative pathways, before the teacher candidate takes on his/her own classroom. However, there have been factors building that seem to now be having impact on alternative licensure opportunities. Particular to Colorado, and most likely applicable across many other states, there has been a decline in schools/districts hiring alternative licensure candidates. Evidence of this is in the upcoming teacher job fairs 3/23 and 3/24 in which the Association of School Executives (sponsor of the fairs), advertise that "no Alternative Licensure or Teacher-In-Residence applicants will be accepted".

While "highly qualified" is a term most associated with the "content" areas, districts/schools (hiring authorities) are seeking out candidates not only masters in their respective content areas, but also teachers with solid pedagogical foundations and skills (and full/clear state licensure). What this means for TTT teacher candidates is the current environment would lead toward seeking a traditional licensure pathway (a set program of study with an embedded practicum/student teaching) that culminates in full state licensure to be in contention for teacher positions. Naturally this is a longer pathway to obtain ones own full time teaching position with a classroom of ones own. However, when considering the two options, and considering which offers the best opportunity for becoming a fully licensed teacher and the best opportunity for being hired, seeking the best traditional pathway to fit you, is a sounder, wiser decision.

Our state offices are available to you to assist in investigating program options.



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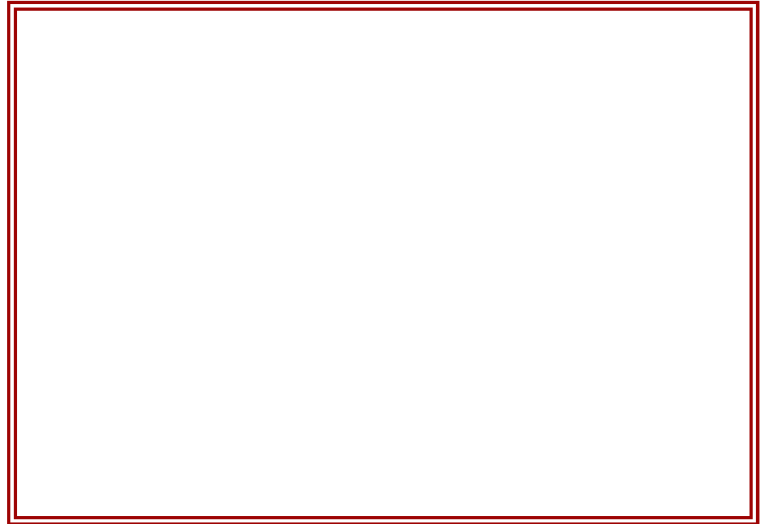
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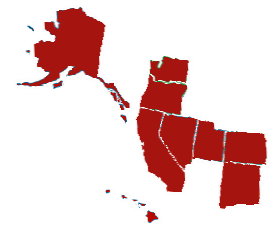
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Looking for a few good TTT's to serve as volunteer mentors for new TTT teacher candidates.

Service as a volunteer mentor will include being "paired up" with a selected fellow veteran seeking to make the transition into the teaching profession and offering the candidate particular insights (such as discussing your own transitional pathway), tips and tricks on the teaching profession, job seeking (may include resume reviewing/assistance) etc.

If you have been in the classroom 3 or more years, and are interested in serving as a volunteer mentor, contact us at 1-800-438-6851

Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy (middle school in CO D-11) is establishing an in-school tutoring center (managed by a TTT member) and seeking active duty/reserve/retired military members and spouses, as volunteers to tutor students in the areas of math, language arts and science. As a volunteer, you will be assigned a student (or students) in your chosen subject area, to tutor for two one-hour long sessions each week. Initially, the tutoring sessions take place during the regular school day. Eventually, the tutoring center will also be open on Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. A member of the staff will be in the classroom at all times to supervise, answer questions, and resolve any issues that may occur. Your experience is vital to the success of our program. Our students need good role models and people who make a vested interest in their success. Contact CO State Manager, John Scheuer – jscheuer@mpttt.org, 719-576-3733

Teaching Ambassador Fellowship: Check this out!

<http://www.ed.gov/blog/2012/01/applications-for-2012-2013-teaching-ambassador-fellowship-now-open/comment-page-1/#comment-36195>