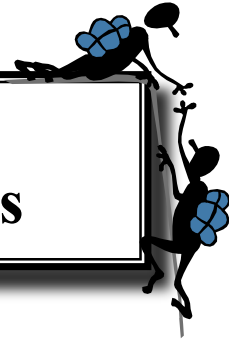




Welcome Support Providers



The *North Coast Beginning Teacher Program* **welcomes you** as a Support Provider and professional mentor for a newly hired teacher in your district. We appreciate your choice to be actively involved in a process that will support and guide a beginning teacher through the first days, months and years in the teaching profession! *Your role is critical to the success of your beginning teacher and your expertise provides an important source of knowledge in his/her professional growth over the next two years.*

You will be attending monthly seminars with your beginning teacher, but it is very important that you **begin your Support Provider role NOW! Effectively preparing for and completing the first weeks of school** are critically important for your beginning teacher. Here are some things you can do during these first weeks:

- Take time to meet and get to know your beginning teacher as soon as possible!
- Give your beginning teacher a guided tour of your school site, introducing him/her to key staff and faculty members.
- Use the attached *Moving Beyond Survival* to guide conversations about critical issues that impact most beginning teachers.
- Use the attached *Checklist for Site Orientation* to guide conversations about essential steps in setting up a classroom and beginning to plan for the first days and weeks of school.
- Encourage your beginning teacher to attend the workshop, *Starting Out Right*. Registration for this workshop is online at www.ncbtp.org.
- If you have any questions, please contact your County Coordinator or contact the NCBTP Regional Office at (707) 524- 2818.

Your active involvement with your beginning teacher during these next few weeks can alleviate much of the fear and uncertainty that often accompanies those initial steps into the teaching profession. **Thanks for being there!**

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