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Memo to: All Transportation Leaders

Subject: FAPT/NAPT Professional Development Series

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FAPT is partnering with NAPT to bring to Florida transportation employees a Professional Development Series – starting this summer!

The professional development series is a great way to bring quality content to help you to further your knowledge, to make sure you have content pertinent to your job and enhance your career journey. NAPT has developed the series. We, FAPT, purchase the license to provide you with access to the instructional courses. FAPT will then offer you, Florida Transportation employees, an opportunity to participate and receive *accreditation and endorsement* for the completion of the course(s).

NAPT offers some of the courses online. Some of the courses require you to attend the class. In some of those cases, we will coordinate an authorized instructor to teach a course during our FAPT Summer conference. And this year is the first! We will be offering two of the NAPT courses:

<u>304 – Best Practices When Collecting, Analyzing and Using Data</u>: This four-hour course will help you decide what data to measure, how to measure it, the best way to collect the information you need, how to analyze it and ultimately how to use it to improve your decision-making.

803 - Specialized Equipment on the School Bus: This four-hour course reviews the vital role of school bus specialized equipment and related best practice procedures in the safe transport of children with disabilities and special needs of all ages. Participants will learn how to determine when specialized equipment, accommodations or modifications are needed for the school bus environment to meet individual developmental and healthcare needs in the least restrictive manner. A review of commonly used specialized equipment and supports will be accomplished while taking into account the entire transportation experience from bus stop to drop off, loading/unloading, proper securement of student adaptive equipment and mobility aides, daily in-bus supports and those needed in an emergency evacuation. The focus will be the Individualized Education Program (IEP) decision-making process, school bus staff ratios (driver and attendant) and documentation of individualized transportation plans to maximize school bus safety.

Each course is only \$50.00 per attendee. Classes will be limited so early registration is critical. Bringing classes to our summer conference alleviates the need for you to travel to NAPT conferences to gain accreditation for these classes.

Classes will be held on Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Each course is 4 hours and the class must be completed to gain the accreditation. If you are interested in beginning – or continuing - your educational journey, please click on the link below. Payment must be made prior to the on-site class.

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