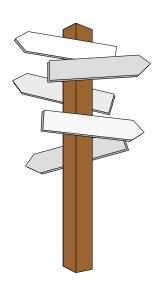
# Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Inc. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Conference



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## **Special Education Law**

Featuring:

**Pete and Pam Wright** 

Saturday, November 5, 2005 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Woodland Baptist Church 9607 State Road 70 East Bradenton, FL

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This conference is not disability specific. It is a 6 hour advocacy conference that will focus on special education law rights and responsibilities; tests and measurements to measure progress & regression; SMART I EP's; and an introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy.

The conference is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates, and attorneys who represent children with disabilities.

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#### WHERE?

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#### WHAT IS THE COST?

Pre-Registration Fee \$65.00 Per Person \$80.00 Per Couple Pre-Registration Fee Includes: Conference, Morning Goodies, Lunch, Certificate of Attendance, and Wrightslaw IDEA 2004 and From Emotions to Advocacy. One Set of Books Per Couple will be Distributed. A Couple is defined as both individuals living at the same address.

On-Site Registration Fee

| Includes All of the Above Except Lunch. | \$75.00 Per Person - | \$90.00 Per Couple (No Lunch Included)

#### <u>Child Care</u> <u>Is Not Available</u>

A Limited Number of <u>Parent</u> Scholarships Are Available. For More Information on Scholarship Opportunities Contact Mary Smith at (941) 928-0682 or E-mail BSMITH22@TAMPABAY.RR.COM

#### For More Information or Special Needs......

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and need assistance with any aspect of the enrollment process, or attending any part of the conference, please call our office at (941) 928-0682 and leave a message. We will get back to you as quickly as possible. We may not be able to control temperature, so dress accordingly. Our goal is your attendance. Let us know how we can assist you. Receipts for conference reimbursement will be provided upon request at the registration table on the day of the conference.

#### About Family Network on Disabilities.....

Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Inc., a local non-profit organization, is an alliance of families, community organizations, and businesses. We are committed to providing support, training, education, information, and advocacy to families of individuals with special needs, disabilities, and the community at large. FND has been offering support and a variety of services and programs in both Manatee and Sarasota County since 1986. We are affiliated with the statewide organization Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.

#### Conference Location......

8:00 - 8:30 am

3:00 - 3:30 pm

The Conference is located at Woodland Baptist Church, 9607 State Road 70 East, Bradenton. From Interstate I-75 (North or South Bound) take Exit #217, State Road 70, East. Go to the second Stoplight and Turn left onto the Church Campus. Parking is available on all four sides of the church building and Registration will be in the Main Auditorium Foyer.

#### AGENDA Saturday, November 5, 2005

**Registration and Morning Goodies** 

8:30 – 10:00 am	IDEA – Purpose, Definitions, LRE, ESY, Private Placements and more
10:00 – 10:15 am	BREAK
10:15 – 11:30 am	IDEA – Evaluations, IEP's, Understanding Tests & Measurements, the Bell Curve, Standard Scores and Percentile Ranks, Attorney's Fees, Due Process and More
11:30 – 12:00	LUNCH BREAK (Box Lunch Provided)
12:00 – 1:30 pm	S.M.A.R.T. IEP's, Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate, and Parent's Attorney, Legal, systemic and "School Culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA, The Parent as the Special Ed Manager and Expert
1:30 – 1:45 pm	BREAK
1:45 – 3:00 pm	Tactics and Strategies

**Questions and Answers** 

#### APPLICATION FOR PRE-REGISTRATION

# (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) Return Pre-Registration and Payment On or Before Friday, October 21,2005

Friday, October 21,2005	
Name:	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Attendee:	
Organization: (If Applicable)	
Mailing Address:	
City:State:Zip:Home Phone:	
Work Phone: Fax #:	
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Please Check All That Apply: I am a:ParentProfessional/ProviderOther Family Member	
CaregiverSelf AdvocateOther	
Box Lunch Choice: Please indicate your boxed lunch selection.	
Chicken SaladHam and Cheese SandwichVeggie SandwichTurkey and Cheese Sandwich	
How Did You Hear About This Conference:	
Direct MailFND NewsletterMagazineTherapistNewspaperFriendChild's SchoolOther	
Pre-Registration and Payment Method: \$65.00 Per Person, \$80.00 Per Couple. Fee Includes: Conference, Morning Goodies, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Certificate of Attendance, and Wrightslaw IDEA 2004 and From Emotions to Advocacy. One Set of Books Per Couple will be Distributed. A Couple is defined as both individuals living at the same address. Return Pre-Registration Form with a Check Made Payable To: Family Network on Disabilities of Manatee/Sarasota, Inc., P.O. Box 10707, Bradenton, FL 34282.  Cancellations: Before October 21, 2005 will receive refunds minus a \$10.00 per refund processing fee. No refunds are available after October 21, 2005 but substitutions are possible. Please call Mary Smith at (941) 928-0682 or (941) 727-9905.	
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#### Peter W. D. Wright, Esq. Attorney

Peter W. D. Wright attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia and majored in Psychology. After graduation from college in 1968, he worked for several years in juvenile training schools, first as a houseparent and later as a counselor. Later, he worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer, first in a suburb of Richmond, Virginia, and later in the ghettos and projects of the City of Richmond. In 1972, he was honored as Virginia's "Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year."

While employed in the Juvenile Justice System, Pete also attended evening college in a graduate psychology program at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he completed thirty hours of coursework.

Since the early 1970's, Pete has been active with the Orton Dyslexia Society and the Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities, now known as LDAA. In the 1970's, he presented papers about the relationship between learning disabilities and juvenile delinquency at the national conference of both organizations.

As an attorney, Pete continues to be involved in the field of special education. He has spoken at the annual national conference of many associations on "How To Secure an Appropriate Special Education for Your Child and Avoid Due Process." He has presented a number of continuing legal education seminars in different states to attorneys in regards to the representation of special education children.

Mr. Wright and his wife have developed the "Wrightslaw" Special Education Law and Advocacy website. It is the top ranked website in regard to special education advocacy for children with disabilities. He and his wife have also published the best selling special education law books entitled Wrightslaw: Special Education Law and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy and Wrightslaw: No Child Left behind and also a DVD video of a special education due process hearing. They have an on-line newsletter with over 50,000 subscribers. Pete is a member of Advisory Boards and Boards of Directors for numerous disability related organizations.

#### Pamela Darr Wright, M.A., M.S.W. Licensed Clinical Social Worker

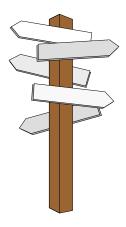
Pamela Wright is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for more than 30 years. Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions. She sees clients in mental health centers, family guidance and psychiatric clinics, correctional institutions, hospitals, and schools.

Pam Wright earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University. For ten years, she worked as a Clinical Psychologist in North Carolina. She returned to graduate school and in 1985 earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University graduating Summa Cum Laude. She has received many honors and awards during her academic career and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In addition to being the primary author of Wrightslaw: Special Education Law and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, and designer of the wrightslaw dot com site, she has written numerous articles about raising, educating, and advocating for children with disabilities.

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Mark This Date: Saturday, November 5, 2005



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