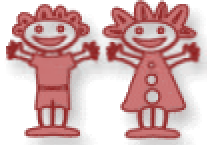


## ABOUT PARENT FRIENDS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Parent Friends Education and Support is committed to supporting and promoting exemplary services, which promote a wide range of options through education, research and advocacy to families and their children living with the effects of special needs.



Parent Friends Education and Support promote individual- and family-centered approaches towards meeting each student's unique needs of the individualized service

program plan under federal law IDEA, Chapter 504, the Felix Consent Decree.

## DIRECTIONS TO LOCATIONS

### ➤ Day 1: Hawai'i State Capitol Chambers Auditorium:

Westbound exit: H-1 Freeway to #22 Vineyard exit; proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> lighted intersection (Punchbowl and Vineyard Blvd.), turn left on Punchbowl, 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on your right.

Eastbound exit: H-1 Freeway to Punchbowl exit, proceed past lighted intersection (Vineyard Blvd. and Punchbowl), 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway on your right.

East and Westbound directions: proceed through State Capitol tunnel that enters into the Chambers level metered parking area. Parking fee is \$4.00 for all day Friday. Include fee with your registration fee.

### ➤ Day 2: Hawai'i State Supreme Court

Westbound exit: H-1 Freeway to #22 Vineyard exit; proceed to 1<sup>st</sup> lighted intersection (Punchbowl and Vineyard Blvd.); turn left on Punchbowl.

Eastbound exit: H-1 Freeway to Punchbowl exit; proceed past lighted intersection (Vineyard Blvd. and Punchbowl).

East and Westbound directions: proceed down Punchbowl St. past King St. intersection; turn right on Queen St.; and another right on Mililani St. until it meets King St. The State Supreme Court is on the corner of Mililani and King St. On-street parking is free on Saturdays.

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Special Education Law

December 7 and 8, 2001

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and  
Historic Hawai'i Supreme Court

## ABOUT THE WRIGHTS

**Peter W. D. Wright** is an attorney who has represented children with disabilities for more than 20 years. Pete's practice is devoted to helping children with special education needs. He struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia, and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own education experiences. In October 1993, Pete successfully represented Shannon Carter before the United States Supreme Court in *Florence County School District v. Shannon Carter*. The Supreme Court issued their unanimous decision in 34 days.

**Pamela Darr 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. Pam sees clients in mental health care centers, family guidance and psychiatric clinics, correctional institutions, hospitals and schools.

Pete and Pam Wright provide comprehensive training programs about special education law, advocacy and related issues. Together they host a comprehensive web site:

<http://www.wrightslaw.com>

Pam is the editor of *The Special Ed Advocate*, the online newsletter about special education legal and advocacy issues published by Wrightslaw. They are authors of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and their newly published book *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy – The Special Education Survival Guide*.



## AGENDA – DAY 1, FRIDAY DEC. 7

**Location: Hawai'i State Capitol Chambers Auditorium**

- 9:00 - 10:30
- IDEA 1997 History and Overview, PARC and Mills cases
  - Section 1400 Findings, Purpose
  - Section 1401 Definitions: Special Education, Related Services, LD, etc.
  - Section 1412 Extended School Year, Child Find, Least Restrictive Environment/Mainstreaming/Inclusion, Private Placements, Statewide Assessments
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00
- Section 1414(a) Evaluations and Re-evaluations
  - Section 1415 Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority,
  - Other Statutes: Section 504, ADA, FERPA
  - Case Law and Recent Legal Developments, NCD Report
- 12:00 - 1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 – 2:15
- Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate, and Parent's Attorney
  - Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA -97
  - The Parent as the Special Ed Manager
    - o Developing the Master Plan
    - o Knowing the Rules of the Game
    - o Recognizing and Avoiding the Fatal Obstacles
    - o How to Deal with Conflict, a Healthy and Normal Event
    - o Crisis, Emergency, Help!
- 2:15 – 2:30 *Break*
- 2:30 – 4:00
- Section 1414(d) Individualized Educational Programs, Present Levels of Performance, Goals and Objectives, Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % Ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent
  - Demonstration: Use of PowerPoint and Excel in Advocacy
  - S.M.A.R.T. IEPs
- 4:00 – 4:30 Questions and Answers



4:30 – 7:00

*Post training festivities* (following Wrightslaw training at the Capitol; entryway to the rotunda exit):

- Meet the presenters, Pete and Pam Wright.
- Featured Honolulu eateries at the Capitol (coordinated by the Autism Society of Hawai'i).
- Music entertainment (coordinated by Ken Lawrence, Autism Society of Hawai'i's Executive Board member).
- Art gallery: works by children and their families living with special needs (coordinated by Bonnie Graham, Community Children's Council of Maui's co-chair).
- Silent auction: browse the silent auction collection and bid on the selection of your choice (coordinated by Sharon Landry, East Hawai'i (Big Island) Children's Community Council's co-chair).
- Parent resource desk: information dissemination on Felix and other education rights issues (coordinated by Linda Nuland-Ames, Kauai Community Children's Council's co-chair).
- Neighbor island specialties: Moloka'i bread and other neighbor island treats (coordinated by Yolanda Tanielu, Molokai Community Children's Council's co-chair) and Nelani Aki, Lana'i parent.
- Support of Service Providers and Parents (SOS): information desk (coordinated by Vince Nubla, Parent Friends and Education Support, Maui direct service provider of education and mental health services.

## AGENDA – DAY 2, SATURDAY DEC. 8

**Location: Historic Hawai'i Supreme Court Ali'iolani Hale and Kaua'iwa Hale**

- 9:00 - 10:30
- The Parent Expert – Tactical Approaches
    - o Understanding the Child's Disability
    - o Organization of the Child's File
  - Tactics and Strategies
    - o Overview
    - o Rule of Adverse Assumptions
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00
- Tactics and Strategies (continued)
    - o Private Evaluations
    - o Paper Trails
    - o The Letter to the Stranger
- 12:00 - 1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 – 2:15
- Tactics and Strategies (continued)
    - o The Letter to the Stranger - examples
    - o 5 W's + H + E
    - o Preparation for Meetings
    - o Meeting Strategies
- 2:15 – 2:30 *Break*
- 2:30 – 3:15
- Tactics and Strategies (continued)
    - o Picking Your Battles
    - o Marketing and Selling
  - Case Law and Tactics
  - In Summation
- 4:00 – 4:30 Questions and Answers
- 4:30 *Hawaiian Artist Napo'e Award* (People's Choice Award) Presentation

Note: both sessions will use *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and the *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy – The Special Education Survival Guide* as the primary course books. The law book contains the complete text of the IDEA, the complete regulations, Section 504, FERPA, and the landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases.

NO AUDIO OR VIDEO EQUIPMENT ALLOWED

## REGISTRATION

*Attending both days is recommended.*

**Registration before November 20, 2001:** (Receive *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* book)

	Parent or Student	Professional
Friday Only	\$ 50	\$ 85
Saturday Only	\$ 50	\$ 85
Two Days	\$ 75	\$ 110

\* \$4 parking fee for all day Friday parking at the State Capitol (include cost with your registration fee).

**Registration after November 20, 2001:**

	Parent or Student	Professional
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