

Pathfinder Services of North Dakota presents

"PROMOTING POSITIVE PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN 2002"
Featuring Peter W.D. Wright & Pamela Darr Wright

Friday, April 26th & Saturday, April 27th 8:45 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
International Inn, 1505 North Broadway, Minot ND 58701 1-800-735-4493

To register call: 1-800-245-5840 or 1-701-837-7500 Fax: 1-701-837-7548

➔ Late registration cost: Add \$20 per person if calling or mailing after April 1, 2002.

"Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expedience asks the question, is it politic? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must make it because his conscience tells him that it is right."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank You To Our Co-Sponsors Pathfinder Services of ND, NDDHS Council on Developmental Disabilities, ND Department of Special Education, SIG and Head Start Disabilities Services, Utah State University.

Our Speakers Peter W.D. Wright, Esq. and Pamela Darr Wright, M.A., MSW, are loyal advocates of special education families. Their powerful presentation will inspire us to advocate for our children while we learn to maneuver through the maze of special education legal rights and responsibilities.

North Dakota Parent/Family Stipends Available. Full conference participation is required or all costs will be billed to you. Call or fill out the registration form to apply for stipends. Pathfinders will notify you if you are awarded a stipend. A lodging stipend will pay for the cost of a **shared room** for Thursday and Friday night for those traveling a distance 60 miles or more. If you wish, we can arrange for a roommate or you may pay \$30 per evening for a private room. A family stipend does not require you to share a room, but both parents must attend. Persons approved in previous years who failed to attend will not be considered.

Conference Content, April 26th & 27th - 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day.

- A Child's Right to a Free Appropriate Education (FAPE)
- I.D.E.A. 1997 - Individuals With Disabilities Education Act
- Section 504, ADA, and FERPA
- Eligibility and Placement Decisions
- Special Education, Related Services, Extended School Year
- Paper Trails, IEP Requirements and IEP Teams
- Present Levels of Performance, Goals & Objectives.
- Least Restrictive Environment, Private Placements Mainstreaming, Inclusion
- Statewide Assessments
- Knowing the Rules of the Game
- Discipline, Suspensions And Expulsions
- Safeguards, Mediation, Due Process Hearings
- Questions & Answers

Introducing Our Speakers: Peter W. D. Wright and Pamela Darr Wright.

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Peter W.D. Wright, Esq. is an attorney whose law practice is devoted exclusively to helping children with special education needs. Through his school years, Pete struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences. Pete attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia; and graduated with a major in psychology. He graduated from the T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond and passed the bar in 1977. He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Pete represented Shannon Carter, a student with dyslexia before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Florence County (South Carolina) School District Four v. Shannon Carter, 510 U.S. 7 (1993)*. The Supreme Court found for his client in a landmark decision that benefits all children with disabilities.

Pamela Darr Wright, M.A., MSW is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for more than 30 years. Pam Wright earned a degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University. She earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, graduating summa cum laude. Pamela and Peter provide comprehensive training programs about special education law. **Peter W.D. and Pamela** are the authors of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy – The Special Education Survival Guide*.

Conference Notes “Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy”, a book written by the Wrights will be available at the conference. If you are interested in purchasing this book, please check the box on the registration form.

- Lodging: Please call to make your own reservations. A special Pathfinder Conference rate is available at the International Inn, Minot, ND - 1-800-735-4493 or 1-701-852-3161.
- Continuing Education Units in social work - **12** contact hours and **.5** Semester hours from Minot State University (\$10.00) has been requested.
- Smoking is limited to designated areas only.
- As a conference participant, your name has been entered into the door prize drawings at the end of each break. You must be present and seated to win.
- Please limit your use of scents due to allergy concerns.

Registration Form - Pathfinder Conference April 26 –27, 2002.

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Please make copies as needed for each person attending the conference. 1-800-245-5840 or 1-701-837-7500
Fax: 1-701-837-7548. Mail to Pathfinder Services, 1600 2nd Ave SW #19, Minot ND 58701-3459

“Wrightslaw: Special Education Law” book included with two-day registration. (\$30 value)

- Full conference (two days) registration fee: \$95.00: Includes book.
- One day registration \$47.50: Friday: ___ Saturday: ___. Book not included, but may be purchased.
- Two days, Pathfinder Members: \$75.00 ___ Member #: _____ Includes book.
- I would like to purchase the book, “Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy”:
- I would like to apply for a parent stipend. Pathfinders will inform you if you qualify.
- Two days, Parent of a child with disabilities - \$75.00: _____ Full participation required. Includes book.
- Two days, Mom & Dad (Parents of a child with disabilities) Team, Share Materials: \$130.00 ___

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

I am the Parent of a Child with a Disability: ___ Disability: _____ Age: _____

Parent: _____ Teacher: _____ Other, please list: _____

Special accommodations* _____

*If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Pathfinder Center three weeks in advance.

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