

## The Unicorn Children's Foundation

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The Unicorn Children's Foundation Hosts Symposium to Facilitate a Successful School Year for Children with Learning and Communication Disorders

Boca Raton, FL -- August 18, 2006 -- The Unicorn Children's Foundation (UCF) will host a 2-day symposium for parents and professionals designed to help ensure a successful school year for children with learning and communication disorders, November 4-5, 2006 at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.

Recent changes to special education law will be impacting children across the country this school year. These changes establish higher standards of public education. Presented by Wrightslaw, the nation's preeminent organization on special education law and advocacy, the emphasis will be on recent changes to I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act), the federal legislation that assures all children with disabilities receive an appropriate education and related services to meet their needs. Discussed will be how the revisions may impact children with special needs as well as those who teach them. In addition, parents will gain an understanding of their rights to ensure that their child is receiving all entitled services. Other topics of this information-packed symposium include "Smart" Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Networking and Survival Strategies, Measuring a Child's Progress, and Effective Advocacy Strategies to facilitate productive collaboration between parents and schools.

Cost is \$60 for parents, \$120 for professionals (CEUs available) and \$50 for college students with proof of status. Each participant will receive three professional publications (\$50 value) to take home as reference tools. Continental breakfast and lunch is included on both days. Individuals can register by calling the UCF office: 561-620-9377.

The Unicorn Children's Foundation is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to education, awareness, and research on behalf of children with communication and learning disorders. For more information, please call Sharon Alexander, Director of Programs, 561-620-9377