

Maine Parent Federation Announces A Very Special
One-Day Conference



Special Education and Advocacy Conference

WHEN: March 8, 2007

WHERE: Jeff's Catering, Banquet and Convention Center
Brewer, Maine

TIME: 8:00-4:30

If you are a parent or guardian of a child with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or a professional trying to better serve kids with disabilities, you don't want to miss this training!

REGISTER today and RESERVE your spot!

Program Description: (Details on reverse side)

This one-day special education law and advocacy program focuses on four areas:

- * Special education law, rights and responsibilities
- * Tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
- * SMART IEP's
- * Introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

About the Presenter: Pete Wright is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. Pete struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences. In October 1993, Pete successfully represented Shannon Carter before the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision on Shannon's behalf in *Florence County v. Shannon Carter*.

Your registration fee includes:

- * Two books: *Wrightslaw: From Emotion to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* and *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition*. (A \$50.00 Value)
- * NEW Maine Special Education Regulations (Subject to Availability)
- * Continental Breakfast and Break Refreshments
- * Lunch

CEU'S (Additional Fee Applies) and CLE's Pending

TENTATIVE AGENDA ~ SUBJECT TO CHANGE

8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Introductions & Review Agenda * Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) * Findings and Purposes * Definitions * "Catchall Statute" * Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) * 10-day Notice * State Assessments * Accommodations
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * IDEA 2004 (cont'd) * Evaluations * Individualized Educational Programs (IEP's) * Procedural Safeguards * Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve
12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Section 504 o No Child Left Behind Act o Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve * SMART IEP's * Advocacy Strategies * Rule of Adverse Assumptions & Crisis Management
2:30-2:45	BREAK
2:45-4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Advocacy Strategies (cont'd) * Conflict * Obstacles to Effective Advocacy * Negotiating * Organizing the File * Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation * Letters & Paper Trails * School Meetings * Preparation & Survival Strategies
4:00-4:30	Questions and Answers

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