



Texas Parent to Parent Pre-Conference



Special Education Law & Advocacy

Presenters: Pete & Pam Wright

Special Education Law, Rights and Responsibilities
Tests and Measurements to Measure Progress & Regression
SMART IEPs Introduction to Tactics & Strategies for Effective Advocacy

Omni Austin Hotel at SouthPark

4140 Governor's Row
Austin, Texas 78744

Thursday, June 7, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Seating is limited, Register Early!



Pete W. D. Wright, Esq. is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. In second grade, Pete was diagnosed with learning disabilities including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. He was fortunate. His learning problems were identified early. His parents obtained intensive Orton-Gillingham remediation for him by Diana Hanburg King. Pete's determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences.

On October 6, 1993, Pete gave oral argument before the United States Supreme Court in *Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter*, 510 U.S. 7 (1993). Thirty-four days later, the Court issued a unanimous decision for Shannon Carter.

He appeared as the parent's attorney in the award-winning DVD video, *Surviving Due Process: When Parents and the School Board Disagree*, *Stephen Jeffers v School Board* (2004).



Pam Wright, M.A., M.S.W. is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the early 1970's. 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 has written extensively about raising, educating and advocating for children with disabilities. Pam is also the editor of The Special Ed Advocate newsletter.

Pam designed and built several special education advocacy sites including Wrightslaw.com, Fetaweb.com, and the Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities.

Pam and Pete are co-authors of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* (1999), *Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind* (2003), *Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004*, (2005) and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd edition* (2005), and *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition* (2007).

Childcare is available but limited to 50 children. A fee of \$25 is required to reserve childcare.
A limited number of parent stipends are available. Call TxP2P to get on the list.
Phone: 866-896-6001 (local Austin: 458-8600)

Agenda

9:00–10:30 a.m.	IDEA History & Overview
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45–12:00 p.m.	Understanding Tests and Measurements, Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % Ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent, Evaluations & Re-Evaluations, IEPs, Present Levels of Performance, Goals & Objectives
12:00– 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00– 2:30 p.m.	Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority, Section 504, ADA, FERPA, NCLB, Litigation: Special Education Caselaw, S.M.A.R.T. IEPs, Special Education, Obstacles to IDEA Compliance, The Parent as the Special Education Manager
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45-4:00 p.m.	Tactics and Strategies
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Questions & Answers

CEUs & CLEs are pending: 0.6 CEUs for Educators, 6 CLE credits for Attorneys, 6 credits for Social Workers, and Licensed Professional Counselors. Please check TxP2P website (www.txp2p.org) for update on the status.

ACCOMMODATIONS: 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 contact Laura Warren at TxP2P (866) 896-6001 (local Austin: 458-8600). Our goal is your attendance. Let us know how we can assist you.

Please note: Conference rooms are often well air-conditioned. Please dress accordingly.

CANCELLATIONS: NO FULL REFUNDS. Partial Refunds: Requests must be received by Texas Parent to Parent **before May 10, 2007**, and a \$20.00 per refund processing fee will be withheld. No refunds are available after May 10, 2007, but substitutions may be possible.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: One-day seminar, 2 books, Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition & From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd edition, Breakfast & Lunch, Certificate of Attendance. *Only 1 set of books per couple. A couple is defined as both living at the same address.

RECEIPTS FOR CONFERENCE REIMBURSEMENT will be provided upon request at the registration table on the day of the conference.

For On-line Registration, go to www.txp2p.org. To register by mail, fill out and mail the form (below) with a check made payable to Texas Parent to Parent, 3710 Cedar Street, Box 12, Austin, TX 78705-1449.

Early Registration fees apply to registrations received on or before May 10, 2007

Name: _____ 2nd Attendee: _____

Organization: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please Check All That Apply: I am a: ? Parent ? Family Member ? Caregiver/Guardian ? Self Advocate ? Educator ? Attorney ? Social Worker ? Professional Counselor ? Service Provider ? Other: _____

Early Registration: On or Before May 10, 2007

_____ Parent \$75 (includes lunch)

_____ Couple* \$125 (includes lunch)

*Only 1 set of books per couple. A couple is defined as both **living** at the same address.

_____ Professional \$125 (includes lunch)

Late Registration: After May 10, 2007

_____ Parent \$100 (no lunch)

_____ Couple* \$150 (no lunch)

_____ Professional \$150 (no lunch)

Lunch for Early Registration: ? Yes ? No Lunch will be a boxed lunch with a sandwich or wrap, chips, fruit, cookie, and drink.

I need Child Care: ? Yes ? No A fee of \$25 is required to reserve spaces in childcare.