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# SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

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Darr Wright

## Wrightslaw



**CARDINAL HILL  
REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**  
2050 Versailles Road  
Lexington, Kentucky

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007**

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*Coalition for Reform In Special  
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Autism Society of the Bluegrass,  
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Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital*

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Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, Lexington, KY • Wednesday, August 22, 2007

**Program Description:** One-day special education law and advocacy programs focus on four areas:

1. special education law, rights and responsibilities
2. tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
3. SMART IEPs
4. introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

**Wrightslaw programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates and attorneys who represent children with disabilities regarding special education. The program is not disability specific.**

**Registration Per Person:**

\$50 – Early Bird (until 7/31/07)

\$60 – Regular (8/1/07 – 8/21/07)

The registration fee includes two books - *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition* (Retail \$29.95) and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* (Retail \$19.95)

**Questions or Special Assistance Needs:** *If you have additional questions, contact Melanie Tyner-Wilson (Tynerwilso@aol.com) or Sara Spragens (sspragens@insightbb.com, 859-299-9000). Please contact us if you have special needs that we can address to make your participation more meaningful.*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION**

This course provides 6 contact hours.

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is approved by the CEB of ASHA to provide continuing education programs in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for .6 CEUs (Professional level; Basic area) ASHA Continuing Education Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

Continuing education approval is pending for Kentucky Occupational Therapy (6 hours), Kentucky Physical Therapy (6 hours) and Social Workers (7.2 hours). Continuing Legal Education Credits (CLE's) pending, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (6 hours), early childhood staff, and - with prior approval - foster/adoptive families.

Certificates of Attendance will be awarded to all participants and may be used for CEU verification and credits.



## SCHEDULE

**8:00 - 8:45 – Registration**

**8:45 - 9:00 - Introductions & Agenda**

**9:00 - 10:30 - History & Overview**

Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-97) and Reauthorized IDEA of 2004

Findings & Purposes

Definitions

“Catchall Statute” – Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), 10-Day Notice, State Assessments, ESY

**10:30-10:45 - Break**

**10:45-12:00 - Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve**

Evaluations; Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)

Transition Services - Part C to Part B to College

Procedural Safeguards

Section 504; No Child Left Behind Act

**12:00-1:00 - Lunch (on your own)**

**1:00-2:30 - Review**

Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve (con't)

SMART IEPs

Advocacy Strategies: Rule of Adverse Assumptions; Crisis Management

**2:30-2:45 - Break**

**2:45-4:00 - Advocacy Strategies (cont'd)**

Conflict; Obstacles to Effective Advocacy; Negotiation

Organizing the File; Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation

Letters & Paper Trails

School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies

**4:00-4:30 - Questions & Answers**

**4:30 Evaluations & Adjournment**

## PRESENTERS

**Pete Wright** is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. His advocacy grew out of his personal educational experiences.

Pete represented Shannon Carter before the U. S. Supreme Court in Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter, 510 U.S. 7 (1993) - the Court issued a unanimous decision on Shannon's behalf.

**Pam Wright** 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.

They co-authored *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* (1999, 2007), *Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind* (2003), *Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004*, (2005) and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* (2001, 2005)

## REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

Registration fees will be refunded less a \$10 processing fee if written notification is received by ASBG up to two weeks prior to the conference. Two weeks to 72 hours prior to conference, 50% refund, 72 hours or less, no refund. However, another person may attend in your place.

In the event of cancellation of the conference your fee will be refunded. The Autism Society of the Bluegrass and Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital do not assume responsibility for any other expenses.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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 health care professional (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where did you hear about this conference? \_\_\_\_\_

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*For questions about registration, contact Sandra Bellows ([sfb@cardinalhill.org](mailto:sfb@cardinalhill.org), 859-367-7189).*