GPS for Parents...Are We There Yet? Roadmap to Smart IEPs & Effective Advocacy



Wrightslaw Wayne Steedman & Pat Howey October 12 & 13, 2007 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Sponsored By

Autism Society of NWO
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Lucas County Board Of MR/DD
The Ability Center of Greater Toledo
The Arc of Lucas County and the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Detach and mail to The Arc of Lucas County, 5605 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH 43560

Registration policies:

- * Confirmations will NOT be mailed.
- * Pre-conference registration ends October 1, 2007. After this date, you you must register onsite, based on space availability.
- * On conference day, check in at the registration table to receive your packet and books.
- * Parking is available \$2.50 per day to be paid with registration.

A limited number of scholarships are available for parents.

For information regarding scholarships call: The Arc of Lucas County.

Questions:

Call: The Arc of Lucas County 419-882-0941 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cancellations:

- * All cancellations must be made in writing.
- * Cancellations will be accepted until October 1, 2007. Refunds will be given minus a 30% administrative charge. After this time no refunds will be given.
- * You may transfer a registration to another person provided you notify The Arc of Lucas County.
- * Refunds will be processed 4 to 6 weeks after the conference.

Fee includes:

- * Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition and Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition (\$50.00 value)
- * Breakfast, lunch and refreshments
- * Coffee, tea, assorted beverages

Couples \$80 (one set of books)
Professional \$75 (CEU's or CLE's)
Parking Two Days \$5.00
Note: CEU's and CLE's are pending.

TOTAL	ENCLOSED	

Payment may be made by check or with credit card on PayPal @ www.arclucas.org

Make check payable to:

Parent \$50

The Arc of Lucas County

Mail or Fax registration to:

5605 Monroe Street

Sylvania, OH 43560

Fax: 419-517-5346

Introducing our Speakers



Pat Howey is an advocate who has helped parents obtain special education services for their children with disabilities since 1986. She also helps parents resolve special education disputes with their school districts. If Pat cannot assist you, she will refer you to attorneys for legal advice and assistance. Pat has a B.A. in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she graduated with honors. She is an active member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA). In 2004, the Learning Disabilities Association of Indiana honored Pat with its Outstanding Service Award for her commitment and compassion toward students



Wayne Steedman is an attorney and founding partner in the law firm of <u>Callegary & Steedman</u>. Mr. Steedman's practice is devoted primarily to the representation of children with disabilities. He has represented his clients in administrative due process hearings and state and federal courts. In addition to a law degree from the University of Maryland, Mr. Steedman has a Masters Degree in Social Work. For several years, he served as a Due Process Hearing Officer in special education cases. He is an active member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA).

Wrightslaw special education law and advocacy training programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, advocates, attorneys, educators, health care providers, and others who represent the interests of children with disabilities and their families. You learn, from nationally recognized experts, how to use special education statutes and regulations to get answers to your questions; to use tests and measurements to measure educational progress; chart out test scores; write SMART IEPs goals and objectives; create paper trails; write effective letters, and use advocacy strategies to negotiate for appropriate special education programs. Participants will learn about new requirements for IEPs and how to write SMART IEP goals and objectives.

Curriculum includes

IDEA 2004; understanding tests and measurements; tracking adequate progress; tactics and strategies for effective advocacy. This is a high energy 12 hour course which utilizes two books, included in your registration fee.

Bring: pens. pencils, and highlighters to make full use of the information shared.

Conference Overview

Conference Objectives

- * Participants will be able to list three requirements for IEPs.
- * Participants will be able to describe how to use tests and measurements to measure educational progress.
- * Participants will be able to define three advocacy strategies to negotiate for appropriate special education services.

Facility Information

The McMaster Family Center for Lifelong Learning

325 N. Michigan St. Toledo, Ohio 43604

Phone: 419-259-520

This state-of-the-art facility is ideal for business, professional and culturally rich presentations. Equipped with a 24-foot screen and featuring top-of-the-line audio, video, cable, satellite and Internet resources. The McMaster Family Center is one of the most technically advanced facilities in Northwest Ohio .

Located adjacent to the McMaster Family Center, the McMaster Lobby offers a magnificent atrium setting that overlooks the Wintergarden and the beautifully landscaped Civic Plaza. The Lobby is ideal for elegant social events, holiday parties or business receptions.

Accommodations (on your own)

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Toledo Riverfront Hotel	Park Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Holiday Inn Express Oregon
2 Seagate/ Summit Street	101 N. Summit Street	10621 Fremont Pike	3154 Navarre Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43604	Toledo, Ohio 43604	Perrysburg, Ohio 43551	Oregon, Ohio 43616
419-241-1411	419 - 241 - 3000	419-874-3101	419-691-8800
www.toledoriverfront.com	www.parkinn.com	www.hiexpress.com	www.hiexpress.com/oregonoh

(both of the above hotels are within several blocks of the confer- (Nine miles from conference facility) (Five miles from conference facility) ence facility