



Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference with Peter Wright, Esq.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

The Meadows Events and Conference
Center at Prairie Meadows
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, Iowa



Wrightslaw Special Education and Advocacy Conference, a Wrightslaw training program featuring Pete Wright, is being sponsored by:

- Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services
- Iowa Department of Education
- The Arc of Iowa
- ASK Resource Center
- Brain Injury Association of Iowa
- Center for Disabilities and Development
- Metro West Kids Learning Center
- Iowa Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council
- Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, PC

Program Description

One-day special education law and advocacy program designed to meet the needs of:

- Parents
- Educators
- Attorneys and advocates
- Health care professionals

The conference focuses on four areas:

- An overview of special education law, rights and responsibilities
- Tests and measurements of progress & regression
- SMART IEPs
- Introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

The program is not disability specific.

About Peter Wright:



Mr. Wright is a nationally recognized attorney who represents children with special needs. Pete has practiced special education law since the 1970's. In 1993, he successfully represented Shannon Carter before the US Supreme Court in *Florence County v Shannon Carter* (510 US 7). He is the co-author of several books including: *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law*; *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*; *Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind*, and *Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004*.

Conference Agenda:

8:30-9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:30	Introductions & Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	IDEA 2004 (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluations• Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)• Procedural Safeguards• Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve
12:00-1:00	Boxed Lunch
1:00-2:30	Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 504• No Child Left Behind Act• Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve (review)• SMART IEPs• Advocacy Strategies - Rule of Adverse Assumptions & Crisis Management
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	Advocacy Strategies (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Conference Accommodations:

There are several hotels near the Prairie Meadows Casino and the Meadows Events and Conference Center. The Wrightslaw Conference has made arrangements for reduced room rates at:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
165 Adventureland Drive, NW
Altoona, IA 50009
Hotel Reservations: 1 888 HOLIDAY (888 465 4329)
Hotel Front Desk: 1-515-9671855

When making your reservations, use the codeword **WRIGHTSLAW** for a reduced rate.

NOTE: Please contact us at 1-800-779-2502 or e-mail jdoidge@ipna.org if you have questions or:

- Need financial assistance to attend this conference
- Require Spanish translation or sign language interpretation
- Are a person with a disability and require accommodations
- Seek a group rate or plan to have your child's IEP Team attend this Conference.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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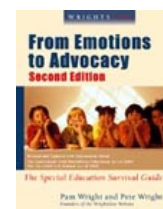
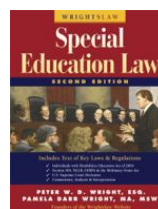
Registration Fees	Early Bird Registration On or before 9/15/08)	Regular Registration (After 9/15 but before 10/10/08)	Walk-In Registration (After 10/10/08)	Number attending	TOTAL
Parent/Student	\$75	\$85	\$90	____	
Couple*	\$90	\$100	\$115	____	
Professional	\$170	\$180	\$200	____	
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES:					

Morning and afternoon refreshments as well as lunch Included..

Registrants will also receive two books, valued at \$50:

- *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition, and*
- *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition*

* Couples will receive 1 set of books.



Continuing Education Units (.6 CEU's) and Continuing Legal Education (6 CLE's) credits will be offered; forms will be available at the training.

To register by mail: send name, organization name, mailing address, and attendees along with payment to:

Wrightslaw Conference
 Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services
 950 Office Park Road, Suite 221
 West Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

To Register online: Visit www.ipna.org **To register by phone:** Call 1-800-779-2502

WRIGHTSLAW programs often fill up early – don't miss out! REGISTER TODAY!



The Meadows Events and Conference Center is located adjacent to Prairie Meadows Casino in Altoona, Iowa.

Directions to 1 Prairie Meadows Drive:

From the West: Take I80 east to exit 142A. Turn right onto Highway 6. Take your first left (east) onto Adventureland Drive. The Meadows will be on your right.

From the East: Take I80 west to exit 142. Turn left onto Highway 6. Take your first left (east) onto Adventureland Drive. The Meadows will be on your right.

From the North: If you're coming in on 135 from the north, merge onto I80 east via exit 87A towards Davenport. Travel a little over four miles to exit 142A. Turn right onto Highway 6. Take your first left (east) onto Adventureland Drive. The Meadows will be on your right.

From the South: If you're coming in from the south of Des Moines on I35, merge onto Highway 5 South on the southern edge of Des Moines. Highway 5 South becomes Highway 65 North. Take exit 83 toward Highway 6/Hubbell Avenue. Turn right onto Highway 6/Hubbell Avenue. Turn right onto Adventureland Drive. The Meadows will be on your right.

Parking is free at Prairie Meadows and the Meadows Events and Conference Center. The casino also offers free valet service and complementary shuttle services from our parking lot directly to the main entrance.

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