

## About the Presenters: Pete & Pam Wright



**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*.

**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. Pam has written extensively about raising, educating and advocating for children with disabilities

Pam and Pete Wright are the founders of Wrightslaw, the #1 ranked website about education law, special education law, and special education advocacy.

Down Syndrome Association for Families is a non-profit organization that provides support for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, friends, educators, and professionals who share in their lives.  
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## Wrightslaw Boot Camp

Providing advocacy  
training for parents of  
children with special needs

July 29th & 30th, 2011  
9:00am—4:30pm

Scottish Rite Temple  
332 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68508

All children qualifying for special education services are required to have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The IEP specifies the special education & related services necessary to ensure the child a free appropriate public education. The IEP process can be overwhelming for parents due to complex federal laws & regulations. DSAF is hosting an intensive, two-day Wrightslaw training on special education law & advocacy.

**If you are a parent or guardian of a child receiving special education services, or a professional wanting to better serve kids with disabilities, you don't want to miss this 2-day training!**



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## Program Description

Participants will learn about:

- Special education statutes and regulations to get answers to their questions
- Tests and measurements to measure educational progress
- Charting out test scores
- Writing SMART IEP goals and objectives
- Using No Child Left Behind as a tool to open doors to services
- Creating paper trails & writing effective letters
- Advocacy strategies to negotiate for appropriate special education programs

## Day 1 – Special Education Laws

**8:00-9:00am:** Registration & Refreshments

**9:00am—10:30am:**

- Introductions, Agenda, Pre-test
- Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-97) and the Reauthorized IDEA of 2004

**10:30 – 10:45am:** Break

**10:45am - 12:00pm:**

- Section 1400: Findings & Purposes
- Section 1401: Definitions
- Section 1412: "Catchall Statute" – Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), Extended School Year, Notice, Statewide Assessments

**12:00pm - 1:00pm:** Lunch Provided

**1:00pm - 2:30pm:**

- Measuring Progress: Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve Demo: How to Chart Test Scores
- Section 1414: Evaluations, Consent; Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)

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

**2:45pm - 4:00pm:**

- Section 1415: Procedural Safeguards - Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process, Appeal, Discipline.
- Section 504: Discrimination, Retaliation, Damages
- Review and Homework Assignment

**4:00pm - 4:30pm: Questions and Answers**

## Day 2—SMART IEPs, NCLB, Advocacy Strategies

**9:00am—10:30am:**

- Review: Law, Tests & Measurements, Bell Curve
- No Child Left Behind: Reading, Research Based Instruction
- Highly Qualified Teachers; Paraprofessionals; Parent "Right to Know"

**10:30 – 10:45am:** Break

**10:45am - 12:00pm:**

- SMART IEPS

**12:00pm - 1:00pm:** Lunch Provided

**1:00pm - 2:30pm:**

- Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management; Emotions, Conflict
- Obstacles to Successful Advocacy; School Culture
- Rule of Adverse Assumptions

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

**2:45pm - 4:00pm:**

- Hazards of Litigation & Outcome Prediction
- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Negotiating; Paper Trails & Letters
- School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies

**4:00pm - 4:30pm: Questions and Answers**

## Conference Location

### Scottish Rite Temple

NW Corner of 16th & L Streets  
(Don't confuse this with the Masonic Lodge on 17th & L)  
Come in east doors and downstairs to the conference hall.

### Parking

Limited free parking on East side of building.  
Additional parking in Parking Garages:  
Aggee's Towne Garage: 1313 M Street  
13th & M Garage: 1318 M Street  
Cornhusker Garage: 1220 L Street

### Hotels

Embassy Suites Hotel: 1040 P Street 474-1111  
The Cornhusker: 333 S 13th Street, 474-7474  
Holiday Inn: 141 North 9th Street 475-4011

### Contact DSAF With Questions:

Email: lori@dsafnebraska.org  
Phone: 402-421-1338

## Conference Registration

Your registration fee includes lunch, break refreshments, and three books (\$63 Retail Value); Wrightslaw:Special Education Law - 2nd Edition, Wrightslaw:From Emotions to Advocacy-2nd Edition, and Wrightslaw:All About IEPs.

SEATING IS LIMITED to the FIRST 250 PEOPLE

**EarlyBird Registration:** On or Before 6/30

**Individual:** \$90  
**Couple** (one set of books): \$165  
**Professional\*:** \$115

**Late Registration:** After 6/30

**Individual:** \$110  
**Couple** (one set of books): \$185  
**Professional\*:** \$135

(Online Registration will end July 27th)

\*1.2 CEU's (continuing education units) have been approved for this conference. CLE (continuing legal education) credits are pending through The State Bar of Nebraska.

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