

# 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy

## March 22, 23, 24, 2012

**Sheraton Hotel Uptown**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**



Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs

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## General Information:

The Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs (EPICS) staff, board of directors and partners are please to announce the 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy (formerly known as Annual Parent Leadership Institute). The Academy will take place March 22, 23, 24, 2012 at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel located at 2600 Louisiana Blvd, Albuquerque, NM on the corner of Menaul and Louisiana.

The primary target audience for this academy will be parents who have children with disabilities, developmental delay or special healthcare needs ages from birth to 26 years old and the professionals that work with them. The objectives of the academy are as follows.

### Academy Objective:

The academy will provide learning opportunities for families of Indian children with disabilities and special healthcare needs to:

- 1) *Engage in Leadership Opportunities;*
- 2) *Become stronger advocates that will impact (systems, policy, and legislation);*
- 3) *Increase their knowledge about laws, regulations, policy and best-practice to encourage increased parental involvement;*
- 4) *Learn skills and strategies in communication, sharing stories, and record-keeping;*
- 4) *Increase family to family network;*
- 5) *Create connection to local, state and national resources;*
- 6) *Create and maintain a strong partnership and relationship between families and professionals; and*
- 7) *Maintain individual identity through culture, language and family uniqueness so that they will become stronger advocates for their children, family and community.*

**REGISTRATION COST:** (Includes 3 Breakfasts, 3 Luncheons and snacks)

#### Parents:

**\$45.00 per parent or  
\$60.00 per couple**

#### Professionals & Paraprofessionals:

**\$100.00 per person**

#### College Students (Undergraduate, Graduate and Post-Graduate):

**\$40.00 per student**  
(must show CURRENT student I.D)

#### Exhibitors:

**\$80.00 for Non-Profits (1 person)  
\$20.00 for additional person**  
  
**\$100.00 for Vendors who are selling a product (for one person) \$45.00 for additional person.**

#### Who should Attend?

- Parents or caregivers of children with disabilities 0—26 years old.
- Administrators (Principals, SpEd. Coordinators/Directors, Superintendents, Dept. Managers, HS/EHS Directors, Disability Coordinators)
- Teachers (General Ed., Special Ed., Early Childhood)
- Paraprofessionals
- Ancillary Staff (SLP, . OT, PT, Ed. Diag., Psych)
- Service Coordinators, Developmental Specialist, Case Managers
- Home Visitors & Parent-Educators
- Medical Professionals (Pediatricians, Doctors, Nurses, CHR. Etc)
- Advocates & Support Staff
- Policy Makers, Elected Officials, Tribal Leaders, School Board
- Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), Public & Charter Schools, Advocacy Organizations, Early Intervention , FACE, EHS & Head Start.

**CEU's will be offered by  
Salish Kootenai College (FREE)**



**Sheraton**  
**Albuquerque**  
UPTOWN

Hotel Information



**Sheraton**



**Sheraton Uptown Hotel**  
2600 Louisiana Boulevard NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110  
Phone: 505-881-0000  
Located at the corner of Menaul and Louisiana

**Just minutes from UPTOWN Shopping district, Coronado Mall, Albuquerque Transit Station (Bus), Restaurants and quick and easy access to Interstate 40.**



Room Rates: \$90.00 a night *plus* 13% tax

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 13%) in effect at the time of check in.

\*No pets allowed.

\*\*Smoke Free Hotel

\*\*\*Cancellation policy for reservations is **48 hours prior** to the day of arrival.

When making your reservation, please refer to:

**EPICS—9th Annual Family Leadership Academy**

To get conference rate of \$90.00 a night.

Hotel Cut-Off date is: **March 7, 2012 12:00pm**  
(No exceptions)

**\*\*\*\*Please NOTE that you may be asked to present a credit or debit card for incidental charges. You can ask for it to be turned off.**

You can make your hotel reservations by either calling the Sheraton reservations toll-free at **1.800-325-3535** or book online at:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/EPICS>



## ***Pre-Academy Workshop—March 21, 2012***

***8:30am—5:00pm***

***Sheraton Uptown***

### ***“Special Education Law & Parent Advocacy”***

***Pete 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 by Diana Hanbury King. Pete is the co-author of *Wright’s Law: Special Education Law* (1999), *Wright’s Law: No Child Left Behind* (2003), *Wright’s Law: IDEA 2004* (2005), *Wright’s Law: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* (2005) and *Wright’s Law: All About IEPs*. 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). Pete and Pam Wright are Adjunct Professors of Law at the Williams and Mary Law School where they teach a course about special education law and advocacy and assist with the Law School’s Special Education Law Clinic. They are founders of *Wright’s Law*, the #1 ranked website about education law, special education law and special education advocacy.

#### ***This 6 hour session will cover four focus areas:***

- \* Special Education law, rights and responsibilities
- \* Tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
- \* SMART IEPs
- \* Introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

**Featuring**



**Pete Wright, Esq.**  
**Wright’s Law**

### **Pre-Academy Registration Cost—\$125.00 a person (one-day)**

**Registration cost includes breakfast, lunch and three required textbooks “All about IEP’s”, “Special Education Law 2nd edition, and “From Emotions to Advocacy” all written and published by Pete Wright “Wright’s Law.**

**\*\*FOR one-day only, Pete Wright, Esq will offer this workshop as a kick-off to our 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy. This is a separate registration from the Academy—but if you choose to attend this one-day session PLUS the 2 1/2 day Family Leadership academy—you will receive a \$25.00 discount, just pay \$100.00 for the Pre-Academy plus the additional Regular registration fee per your role...**

## ***Special Keynote Address—March 23, 2012***

### ***“The Warrior Within” Keynote & “Tip of the Spear “ Workshop***

**Featuring DJ Vanas**



D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas is a husband, father, internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller and leadership expert. He is also the author of the celebrated book *The Tiny Warrior Within: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement* which is printed in six countries. D.J. is a tribally enrolled member of the Odawa Nation and a former U.S. Air Force officer. He understands the power of the warrior spirit and shows organizations how to practically apply the power of the warrior spirit to perform at their best, stay resilient and thrive through tough, changing environments. For fifteen years, he’s delivered his dynamic programs in 49 states and overseas to over 3,000 audiences including Walt Disney, NASA, IBM and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools. He’s also been invited to the White House to speak—twice. He holds a B.S from the U.S. Air Force Academy and M.S. from University of Southern California. After serving ten years as an Air Force officer, , he is now the president of his own company, Native Discovery, Inc. D.J.’s mission is to “build the warriors of tomorrow...today”.



# 2nd Annual Benefit POW-WOW

Partnership between EPICS & NAPPR

Friday—March 23, 2012

6:00pm-11:00pm

Grand Ballroom



Bring your shawl, your regalia to join a celebration of children and youths with disabilities. Invite your friends & family



Gourd Dancing

6:00pm

Grand Entry at 6:30pm

Various Categories to follow



Exhibit Booths will be available for vendors @ \$50.00 a table for the ONE night..

Admission to the Pow-Wow will be \$2.00 a person (3 and under are FREE)

*More information on the Head Man, Head Woman, Arena Director and Northern and Southern Drums will be forthcoming as we come close to the event.*

For more information on Booths, registration for dancers and drum groups, please contact

Ronalda Warito-Tome at 505-767-6630 ext. 302

## **Workshop Topics will vary from the following topics**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD STRAND:**

- Early Intervention (Part C)
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Newborn Hearing Screening & Support
- Family Literacy
- Screening & Evaluation in Part C
- \* Early Childhood Transition from Part C to B
- \* Preschool Readiness & Child Outcomes
- \* Child Development (Specific topics)
- \* Language & Communication Development
- \* Many more

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION STRAND:**

- Special Education (Part B)
- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Parent Rights & Procedural Safeguards
- Determining Eligibility & Supports
- Overview of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
- \* Transition (Elem. Mid-High, High School & Beyond)
- \* Standards & Benchmarks and the IEP
- \* Behavior Intervention Plan
- \* Language & Communication Development
- \* Extended School Year (ESY)
- \* Transition into Adulthood

### **OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS:**

- Record Keeping
- Opportunities for Family Leadership
- Developing Your Family Story
- ADHD/ADD
- Navigating different waivers & Medicaid
- Developmental Screenings
- Parent—School—Community Relationships
- Guiding Young Children’s Behavior
- Best & Promising Practices
- Cultural Awareness for non-native providers
- Team Building & Motivational Skills
- Native American Perception on Disability
- Healing Circles (talking circles)
- Head Start & Early Head Start related topics
- \* Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Deficit (FASD)
- \* Communication Skills
- \* Autism
- \* Inclusion ( Natural Environments & LRE)
- \* Healthcare related Topics
- \* How to develop a parent group or center
- \* Bullying
- \* Using technology to navigate resources
- \* Fatherhood & Positive male involvement
- \* Working with non-native providers
- \* Health & Wellness (Mind, Body & Spirit)
- \* Legislative Advocacy
- \* Parent to Parent Connections
- \* Parent Education & Supports for first time

We will ensure that the content are state specific for New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Parent Centers and Early Intervention lead agencies from each state will be invited to participate including the Bureau of Indian Education

## **UNM Family Development Center for Creative Child & Family Play**



The University of New Mexico Family Development Program will be back again to host the Center for Creative Child & Family Play center. This is an interactive (adult & child) play time that is structured by visiting various play stations where the adult & Child get to discover the power of PLAY. This is NOT a child care option but will require that there be someone 18 or older to be with the child or children.

# Workshop Proposal

**Workshop Proposals MUST be submitted no later than November 1, 2011**

## **Lead Presenter:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box or Street Address City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Work [ ] Personal

## **Co-Presenter:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box or Street Address City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Work [ ] Personal

## **WORKSHOP TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Description in 3—4 short sentences to as it will appear in official program: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Strand:** \_\_\_ Early Childhood / Early Intervention \_\_\_ Special Education \_\_\_ Leadership & Advocacy \_\_\_ Adults with Disabilities

**Audience:** \_\_\_ Parents/Family \_\_\_ Educators \_\_\_ Administrators \_\_\_ Ancillary \_\_\_ BIE specific or \_\_\_ Public School Specific

\*\*\*Is your presentation covering general topic/content or is it state specific? \_\_\_\_\_ if State specific, what state? \_\_\_ NM  
\_\_\_ UT \_\_\_ AZ or \_\_\_ BIE

Are you willing to repeat your session? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No if yes, \_\_\_ Same Day \_\_\_ Next Day

Any special accommodations you require? \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE Faxed to 505-767-6631, Emailed to: [asandoval@epicsnm.org](mailto:asandoval@epicsnm.org) or mailed to: EPICS, Attn: Alvino Sandoval, 1600 San Pedro Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

I understand and agree that my time is voluntary and will not or do not expect any compensation or honorarium from the conference coordinators or sponsoring organization. I also understand that I will be responsible for making any additional copies of any handouts and/or materials and will provide my own lap top or will request one prior to March.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lead Presenter Date

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# REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box or Street Address City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Work [ ] Personal

[ ] Parent [ ] Relative [ ] Grandparent [ ] Sibling

School District, Early Intervention, or ECH program your child attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Disability (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Professional / Paraprofessional What is your position? \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] College Student What college/university/institution? \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Undergraduate [ ] Graduate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the **Family Networking Reception** on 3/22/11 from 5:30pm– 7:00pm? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
*Reception is part of the Registration Fee, we just would need a head count of how many will be attending the reception.*

**REGISTRATION FEE: (early bird registration ends February 27, 2012)**

[ ] Parent \$45.00 per parent = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Does NOT include Pre-Academy Session)

[ ] Couple \$60.00 per couple = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Does NOT include Pre-Academy Session)

2nd Registrants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (for couples ONLY)

[ ] Prof./Para-prof. \$100.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Does NOT include Pre-Academy Session)

[ ] College Student \$40.00 per student = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Does NOT include Pre-Academy Session)

[ ] Pre-Academy Session **ONLY—March 21, 2012 (Full-Day)** \$125.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] March 21, 2012 Session **PLUS** Academy \$100.00 per person **PLUS** regular Reg. Fee= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**After FEBRUARY 24, 2012—After this date, the fees will increase by \$20.00 for parents and couples and increase by \$50.00 for professionals and increase by \$30.00 for students.**

**\*\*\*There will be a \$25.00 processing fee for ALL Purchase Orders.**

**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: [ ] Check [ ] Money Order [ ] Purchase Order

**\*\*\*Must accompany payment unless paying by purchase order. Then your school or agency MUST attach ALL registration forms to the purchase orders and FAX to us at 505-767-6631 Attn: EPICS Family Leadership**

Checks and Money orders must be made payable to: **EPICS**

And mailed to: **EPICS, Attn: Alvino Sandoval, 1600 San Pedro Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110**

**There is NO On-Site Registration!!!! ALL registrations MUST be received by March 9, 2012 5:00pm (MDT)**



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# Exhibitor Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box or Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Personal

### Additional Exhibitor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Personal

### **EXHIBITOR FEE:**

Non-Profit \$80.00 for 1 person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes (Meals, conference materials, 1 table, 1 chair, 2-days of exhibit)

Additional Person \$20.00 additional person x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For-profit Vendors \$100.00 for 1 person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes (Meals, conference program, 1 table, 1 chair, 2-days of exhibit)

Additional Person \$45.00 additional person x \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*There will be a \$25.00 processing fee for ALL Purchase Orders.**

**TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Method of Payment:  Check  Money Order  Purchase Order  Credit/Debit or P-Card

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**\*\*\*Each exhibitor is asked to donate an item for door prize and must be delivered upon checking in at the registration table.**

**\*\*\*Each paid registrant MUST wear name badges at all time to be included in ALL scheduled meals.**

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# Sponsorship / Ad Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box or Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Personal

### Additional Person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Personal

### Sponsorship Level:

Gold Package                      \$1,000.00 or more                      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes (Full Page AD in program, 1 Free Exhibit table for 2 people at Academy and Pow-Wow, 3 Breakfast and Luncheon Tickets and an opportunity to advertise during a luncheon)

Silver Package                      \$700.00 or more                      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes (Half-Page AD in program, 1 Free Exhibit table for 2 people at Academy and Pow-Wow, 2 Breakfast and Luncheon Tickets and an opportunity to advertise during 1 luncheon)

Bronze Package                      \$300.00 or more                      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes (3/4 AD in program, 1 Free Exhibit table for 2 people at Academy and Pow-Wow, 2 Breakfast and 1 Luncheon Tickets)

Friends Package                      \$100 or more                      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVERTISEMENT ONLY:

Full Page @ \$500.00     Half page @ \$350.00     3/4 Page @ \$250.00     1/4 Page @ \$150.00

FILE Must be sent via email ready for duplication as an attachment. Vector files work best—  
email it to: [asandoval@epicsnm.org](mailto:asandoval@epicsnm.org)

**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:     Check     Money Order     Purchase Order

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## 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy

# Parent Scholarship Opportunities

EPICS will continue to offer a limited number of Parent Scholarships for this coming year's 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy. If you are interested or know of anyone who has a child "currently" receiving Early Intervention (part C) or Special Education (Part B including Preschool) or is deaf or hard of hearing; and has not received an EPICS scholarship, you can receive an application by calling Alvino Sandoval at 505-767-6630 or emailing him at [asandoval@epicsnm.org](mailto:asandoval@epicsnm.org)

ALL Parent Scholarship applications MUST be received in our offices close of business day 5:00pm Mountain Time on or no later than **December 2, 2011 (No exception).**

\*\*\*If awarded, the recipients MUST agree to attend the entire Academy in it's entirety March 22, 23, 24 including the Pre-Academy Workshop ALL Day on March 21, 2012.

\*\*\*If awarded, the recipients MUST also understand that if they apply alone, they will be randomly assigned a roommate during their stay at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel.

**CALL OR EMAIL US FOR AN APPLICATION**



Agenda-at-a-glance for 9th Annual Family Leadership Academy

	Wednesday 3/21/2011	Thursday 3/22/2011	Friday 3/23/2011	Saturday 3/24/2011
Pre-Intensive Registration 7:30am-9:00am	AM Walk & Zumba 6:00am - 7:00am Registration 7:00am - 4:00pm	AM Walk & Zumba 6:00am - 7:00am Registration 7:00am - 4:00pm	AM Walk 6:00am - 7:00am Staff Table Open 7:00am - 1:00pm	
Leadership Pre-Academy Session 8:30am - 5:00pm Lunch on your Own	Breakfast 7:00am - 9:00am Exhibits 8:00am - 4:30am	Breakfast 7:00am - 8:00am Exhibits 8:00am - 4:30am	Breakfast 7:00am - 8:00am Breakout H 8:30am - 10:00am	
SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW & ADVOCACY <i>Pete Wright, Esq. of Wright's Law</i>	UNMI Family Center 10:00am - 4:00pm General Session 8:30am - 10:15am	UNMI Family Center 8:00am - 4:00pm Breakout D 8:00am - 9:30am	Closing Session 10:00am - 12:00pm Grand Prize Drawing Evaluations	
AM Break 10:15am - 10:30am	AM Break 9:30am - 10:00am	AM Break 9:30am - 10:00am		
Breakout A 10:30am - 12:00pm	Breakout E 10:00am - 11:30am			
Hotel Check-In Begins at 3:00pm	LUNCHEON 12:00pm - 1:15pm Healing Circle 1:30pm - 4:00pm	LUNCHEON 11:45am-1:00pm Breakout F 1:15pm-2:45pm		
Family Leadership Registration Open 6:00pm - 8:30pm	Breakout B 1:30pm - 3:00pm PMI Break 3:00pm - 3:30pm	PM Break 2:45pm-3:15pm Breakout G 3:15pm-5:00pm		
	Breakout C 3:30pm - 5:00pm			
	Family Networking Reception (optional) 5:30pm - 7:00pm	2nd Annual EPICS Pow-Wow Admission Fee 6:00pm - 11:00pm		

**Parents -**

We will NOT be providing Child Care Services throughout the Academy  
Please make your own arrangements

\*\*Meals will be for paid registered participants ONLY!!!!

**\*\*There will be on-site payment for additional meals for children.**

Call us at 1-888-499-2070 or 505-767-6630  
with any questions, concerns or email  
[asandoval@epicsnm.org](mailto:asandoval@epicsnm.org)