

## ABOUT WRIGHTSLAW

One-day special education law and advocacy conference focuses on four major areas:

- \* Special education law, rights and responsibilities
- \* Tests and measurements to measure progress and regression  
SMART IEP's
- \* Introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy.

### *Meet your speaker:*

## PETER WRIGHT, ESQ.



Pete Wright is an attorney who represents children and youth with special education needs. His advocacy grew out of his personal educational experiences. Pete represented Shannon Carter before the US Supreme Court in Florence County School District Four vs. Shannon Carter, 510 US 7 (1993). The Court issued a

unanimous decision on Shannon's behalf.

Pete and his wife, Pam Wright, wrote **Wrightslaw: Special Education Law**, **Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy**, and **Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind**. Pete appeared on the in the award-winning DVD video, *Surviving Due Process: When Parents and the School Board Disagree* — Stephen Jeffers v. School Board, as the parent's attorney.

## REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- \* Conference
- \* Continental Breakfast
- \* Box lunch
- \* Afternoon Refreshments
- \* 2 Books (Approximate retail value of \$50)
  - \* Wrightslaw: Special Education Law
  - \* Wrightslaw: From Emotions To Advocacy
- \* Membership to The Arc  
(see reverse side for registration fees)

## Directions to Iacocca Hall at Lehigh University's Mountaintop Campus



### FROM ROUTE 22:

Take the Bethlehem Route 378 exit. Route 378 heads only South; continue for 3.6 miles. As you approach the bridge over the Lehigh River, stay in the right lane. As you pass through the next three traffic lights, get into the left lane so you are able to proceed up the mountain on Route 378/Wyandotte Street. As you come to the top of the mountain stay in the right lane and bear right at sign for "ALL TURNS/PUGGY LANE". Follow the semi circle to the traffic light that intersects with Rt. 378/Wyandotte Street. This will be Mountain Drive North. Continue on Mountain Drive North for approximately one mile. At the fork in the road, bear right and continue right at the stop sign. At the next fork in the road, bear left and pass through the gate. This is Research Drive. Go straight on Research Drive to Iacocca Hall (the tall building with the glass tower).

### FROM I-78 WEST:

Take exit 21, Hellertown. Turn left onto Route 412 South. Proceed 1.3 miles to the second traffic light and turn right onto Water Street (becomes Freidensville Road). Follow to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Mountain Drive and proceed to the top of the mountain. At the "Y" bear right; continue straight through the gate. This is Research Drive. Go straight on Research Drive to Iacocca Hall (the tall building with the glass tower).

### PARKING INFORMATION:

Just before you reach Iacocca Hall, make a right turn (before you go under the building) into the courtyard. The courtyard has \$.25 per hour-metered spaces (please note that you must feed the meter Monday through Friday). Free parking is located straight through the courtyard, along the tree-lined lots labeled "STUDENT/VISITOR PARKING". Guests should **not** park where blue signs state "FACULTY/STAFF PARKING ONLY" Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 am and 4:45 pm. Once you enter the building, make a left and go down the hallway to the elevators. Please note that only the elevator on the right will take you to the tower.



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## Special Education Law and Advocacy Conference

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## April 30, 2009

*Lehigh University*

*Mountaintop Campus / Iacocca Hall*

*111 Research Drive*

*Bethlehem, PA 18015*

*Additional Information available on the internet at:*

*Wrightslaw: [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com)*

*The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties: [www.arcoff-n.org](http://www.arcoff-n.org)*

# AGENDA

**00—9:00 AM** - Registration and Continental Breakfast

**00—10:30 AM** - Introductions

- \* IDEA history and overview
- \* Section 1400 Findings, Purpose
- \* Section 1401 Definitions: Special Education, Related Services
- \* Section 1412 Extended School Year, Child Find, Least Restrictive Environment/Mainstreaming/Inclusion, Private placements, state-wide assessments.

**10:30—10:45 AM** — Break

**10:45— 12:00 Noon**

- \* Understanding tests & measurements, the Bell Curve, Standard scores, equal scores, % ranks, Grade/Age Equivalent
- \* Section 1414(a) Evaluations, Re-evaluations
- \* Section 1414 (d) IEP's, Present levels of performance, Goals, Objectives

**12:00—1:00 PM**—Lunch

**00—2:30 PM**

- \* Section 1415 Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority
- \* Section 504, ADA, FERPA
- \* NCLB (No Child Left Behind)

# AGENDA (cont'd)

**1:00—2:30 (contd)**

- \* Litigation: Special Ed Case law
- \* SMART IEP's
- \* Special Ed Advocacy for the parent, Advocate, Parent's Attorney
- \* Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA-04
- \* The Parent as the Special Ed Manager and Expert
- \* Developing the Master Plan
- \* Knowing the rules of the game
- \* Recognizing and avoiding the fatal obstacles
- \* How to deal with conflict, a healthy and Normal event
- \* Crisis, emergency, help
- \* Organization of the child's file

**2:30—2:45 PM**—Break

**2:45—4:00 PM**

- \* Tactics and strategies
- \* Rule and Adverse Assumptions
- \* Private Evaluations
- \* Paper Trails
- \* The letter to the stranger
- \* 5 W's + H + E
- \* Preparation for Meetings
- \* Meeting strategies

**4:00—4:30 PM**—Questions and Answers

# REGISTRATION

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Last Name

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City, State, Zip

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**Please check the appropriate category / fee:**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee</u>
_____ Professionals fulfilling 0.6 CLE credit hours	\$60
_____ Professionals	\$50
_____ Parent / Family member	\$30

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the conference. This certificate is sometimes accepted as fulfilling CEU 's — check with your employer or governing board)

**Make check payable to The Arc**, and mail with completed registration form **by April 15, 2009** to:

**The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties**  
**2289 Avenue A, Bethlehem, PA 18017**  
**Attention: Wrightslaw**

Seating is limited. **Walk In registration will be offered ONLY IF seating is available.** Please call Ramona Neidig at The Arc to learn of seating availability before April 29 at 610-849-8076.

**Cancellation Policy: Sorry—NO REFUNDS**