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Advocate for Your Child

Wrightslaw Advocacy Bootcamp
for Parents and Professionals

Peter W.D. Wright, Esq. • Pamela Wright, M.A., M.S.W.

August 25 & 26

Monday & Tuesday • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sponsored by Heartspring

Heartspring will be hosting advocacy educators Peter and Pamela Wright for a two-day Advocacy Bootcamp at the Heartspring Conference Center August 25 & 26. These programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates, and attorneys who represent children with disabilities.

In the two-day Advocacy Bootcamp, you learn how to use special education statutes and regulations to get answers to your questions; how to use tests and measurements to measure educational progress and graph out test scores; how to write Specific, Measurable, Action Words, Realistic & Relevant, Time-limited (SMART) IEPs goals and objectives; and how to use tactics and strategies to get appropriate special education services. Wrightslaw Boot Camps are intensive and personalized. Participants have opportunities to network.

Day 1: Special Education Law & Tests & Measurements

8:15 - 9 am Registration & coffee.

9 - 10:30 am Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. History & Overview; PARC and Mills cases; Section 1400 - Findings & Purposes; Section 1401 - Definitions; Section 1412 - ESY, Child Find, Least Restrictive Environment, Private Placements, High Stakes Tests.

10:30 - 10:45 am Break

10:45- 12 pm Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (con't). Section 1414 - Evaluations, Reevaluations, Individualized Education Programs; How to cross-reference law and regulations; Appendix A.

12 - 1 pm Lunch

1 - 2:30 pm Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Section 1415 - Procedural Safeguards - Complaints, Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal; Discipline & Placement in Alternative Educational Settings; Age of Majority. Back to School on Civil Rights. Other Statutes: Section 504, ADA, FERPA. Section 504 v. IDEA; Special Education Caselaw. IDEA Reauthorization (IDEA 2002); No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

2:30 - 2:45 pm Break

2:45 - 4 pm Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve. Standard Scores, Subtest Scores, Percentile Ranks, Grade Equivalent and Age Equivalent Scores; How to Chart Test Scores; How to Recognize Progress and Regression. Demonstration: How to Use Computer Software Programs to Chart Test Scores.

4 - 4:30 pm Review. Questions & Answers.



Heartspring is located in northeast Wichita, Kansas, between Rock and Webb Roads.

Day 2: SMART IEPs & Tactics & Strategies

9 - 10:30 am SMART IEPs. Essential Components of SMART IEPs. Review of special education law, tests & measurements & bell curve.

10:45 - 12 pm SMART IEPs (continued). Present Levels of Performance; Strategies for Writing SMART IEP Goals & Objectives; SMART IEP Checklists; Identifying Common IEP Problems; How to Revise Inadequate IEP Goals & Objectives.

12 - 1 pm Lunch

1 - 2:30 pm Tactics & Strategies for Effective Advocacy. The Rules of Adverse Assumptions; Six Common Reasons for Parent-School Conflict; School and Parent Obstacles: Emotions, Myths, Roles, School Culture; How to Organize Your Child's File and Master Document List.

2:30 - 2:45 pm Break

2:45 - 4 pm Tactics & Strategies for Effective Advocacy (continued). The Comprehensive Evaluation; Keys to Effective Negotiation; Letter Writing Strategies; How to Write a "Letter to the Stranger"; How to Prepare for School Meetings; School Meeting Survival Strategies; Strategies to Deal with Difficult People; How to Use 5 W's + H + E Techniques; Picking Your Battles; How to Market and Sell.

4 - 4:30 pm Review. Questions & Answers.

About the Presenters

Peter W.D. Wright is an attorney who represents children with special needs. He represented Shannon Carter in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of South Carolina's Florence County School District IV v. Carter, 510 U.S. 7, (1993). He provides special education advocacy training to parents, advocates, and educators, and speaks at legal education seminars around the U.S. about representing children with disabilities.

Pamela Wright is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for more than 30 years. Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems and solutions.

Wrightslaw is an internationally recognized organization that provides accurate, up to date information and education to parents, advocates, educators, and attorneys about advocacy for children with disabilities.

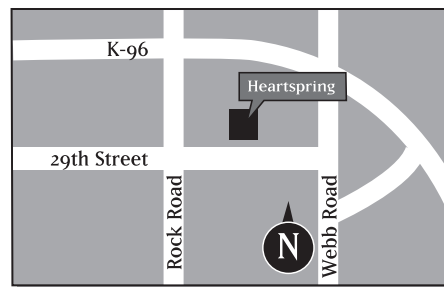
Families and professionals interested in attending the two-day Advocacy Bootcamp may call (316) 634-8792 or visit www.heartspring.org. For more information about Wrightslaw, please visit www.wrightslaw.com.

Contact Information

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About Heartspring

Heartspring is a private, not for profit school in Wichita, Kansas with over 65 years of experience in improving the lives of children with severe, multiple disabilities. Heartspring also offers outpatient services through the Growing Place, for children who may be experiencing developmental delays. For more information about Heartspring, contact us at (316) 634-8700 or (800) 835-1043, or visit our website at www.heartspring.org.



Location

Heartspring Conference Center
8700 East 29th Street North
Wichita, KS 67226

Hotel Information

Candlewood Suites	Cambridge Suites*	Courtyard by Marriott
3141 North Webb Rd.	9444 East 29th St. North	2975 North Webb Rd.
(316) 634-6070	(316) 631-3773	(316) 636-4600
\$59 (Please ask for Medical Rate)	\$59 (Please ask for Medical Rate)	\$69-\$79 (Daily Rate Varies)

*Continental breakfast included.

Registration Information

Registration fee includes the two course books that will be used as primary teaching tools during the workshop:
“**Special Education Law**” and “**From Emotions to Advocacy**,” by Peter and Pamela Wright – A \$60 value!

Two
course books
included!

By August 18		
Parents:	\$129/person	\$195/two parents (1 set of books)
Professionals:	\$149/person	
CLE fee:	\$40	
After August 18		
Parents:	\$158/person	\$240/two parents (1 set of books)
Professionals:	\$178	
CLE fee:	\$40	

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Prior to August 18 ☐ \$129/person ☐ \$195/two parents ☐ \$149/professional ☐ \$40/CLE fee
After August 18 ☐ \$158/person ☐ \$240/two parents ☐ \$178/professional ☐ \$40/CLE fee

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Wichita, KS 67226

Fax

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Thank you! A confirmation letter will be sent within 10 days of receipt of your registration.