

One-day Advocacy Training Seminar

The one-day advocacy seminar focuses on four areas: special education law, rights and responsibilities; tests and measurements to measure progress & regression; SMART IEPs; and an introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy.

8:15 - 9:00 am	Registration and coffee.
9:00 - 10:30 am	Special Education Law: IDEA. Overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Findings & Purposes; Definitions; ESY, Child Find, Least Restrictive Environment, Private Placements; Evaluations, Reevaluations, (IEPs) Individualized Education Programs; Procedural Safeguards, Com-plaints, Notice, Placement in Alternative Educational Setting.
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:15 am	Special Education Law: Section 504, No Child Left Behind. Section 504 v. IDEA; Caselaw; IDEA Reauthorization Back to School on Civil Rights; No Child Left Behind Act 2001.
11:15 - 12:00 noon	Tests & Measurements 101. Progress and Regression; Standard Scores, Subtest Scores, Percentile Ranks; Chart Test Scores
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Introduction to SMART IEPs. specific, measurable, action words, realistic & relevant; time limited; strategies for writing present levels of Performance, annual goals, short-term objectives & benchmarks; IEP checklists; recognizing common IEP problems
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Introduction to Tactics & Strategies. Reasons for Parent-School Conflict; Identify Common Obstacles to Problem Solving &

	Communication; Emotions, Myths, Roles, School Culture; Rules of Adverse Assumptions; How to Organize Your Child's File; How to Use the Comprehensive Evaluation; Effective Negotiation Strategies; Letter Writing Strategies; "Letter to the Stranger"; How to Prepare for School Meetings; School Mtg Survival Strategies.
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Review. Qs & As.

Wrightslaw: Special Education Law (ISBN 1-892320-03-7) and Wrights law: From Emotions to Advocacy - The Special Education Survival Guide

ISBN 1-892320-08-8)

are provided as part of the registration package and will be available the day of the conference.

If you wish to obtain the books in advance of the conference, please add \$5.00 additional cost for postage and handling to the registration fee.

Sorry, there is no discount for attending conference without purchase of books. The Wrights suggest that if you already have these two resources, the two books that come with the registration could be donated to your local school or community library or advocacy agency.

A hot buffet lunch is included.

Due to the nature of this program and the distance between campus parking and downtown, there isn't enough time to leave campus for lunch.

For overnight accommodations, a list of motels & restaurants go to the Wrightslaw website - www.wrightslaw.com.



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Presents



Advocacy Training Seminar

with

Peter and Pam Wright

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Corey Union, SUNY Cortland

Directions To Corey Union

from [Map Quest](#). Simply go to www.mapquest.com and fill in your personal information and Corey Union Building at SUNY Cortland, PO Box 2000, Cortland, NY

From Syracuse and points North

Take Route 81 south to Cortland Exit 11. *Turn right off the exit ramp on to Clinton Ave. Ext. At the second traffic light take a right on Clinton Ave./Rt 13. Drive approximately one mile, get into the center lane and make a left-hand turn at the light onto Church St. From Church St. make a right-hand turn onto West Court St. Take West Court St to the top of the hill and make a left-hand turn onto Graham Ave. # At the first stop sign make a right turn onto Prospect Terrace which becomes Neubig Rd. As you drive down the hill, Corey Union is located at the bottom of the hill on the right side. For Parking lot, go all the way to the end of Neubig Rd to traffic light. Continue straight. Designated parking areas are past athletic facilities. Students and college vans will be available to transport you from parking lot to Corey Union.

From Albany and points East

Take the New York State Thruway west to Exit 34-A. Pick up Route 481 south and take to Route 81 south. Take Route 81 south to Cortland Exit 11. Follow directions above *

From Buffalo and points West

Take the New York State Thruway east to Exit 36 at Syracuse. Pick up Route 81 south and take to Cortland Exit 11. Follow directions above *.

From Ithaca and points Southwest

Take Route 13 north to Route 281 north (in Cortland), which begins at approximately the A&W Restaurant (on left-hand side). Stay straight on Route 281 instead of bearing right on Route 13 when approaching the A&W. Take Route 281 north for approximately 1 1/2 miles to Route 222/Groton Avenue (first light after Tops Supermarket). Take a right-hand turn onto Route 222/Groton Avenue. Proceed approximately 1 1/2 miles to the second traffic light. Take a right-hand turn onto Graham Avenue. Follow above#

From New York City, Long Island

Take Route 17 to Binghamton. Pick up Route 81 north to Cortland Exit 11. Follow directions*