



SPECIAL CONNECTIONS

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and

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February 21, 2004

Niles North High School

9800 N. Lawler Avenue, Skokie Illinois

A Full Day Presentation on Special Education Law, Student Advocacy, and Effective Strategies for Parents, Advocates, Teachers and Administrators

9:00AM—12:00 Noon

IDEA 1997

History and Overview
PARC and Mills Cases

Section 1400

Findings, Purpose

Section 1401

Definitions: Special Education, Related Services, LD, Etc.

Section 1412

Least Restrictive Environment, Mainstreaming, Extended School Year, Child Find, Inclusion, Private Placements, Statewide Assessments

Section 1414(a)

Evaluations and Re-Evaluations

Section 1415

Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearing, Appeal, Discipline, Age of Majority

Other Statutes

Section 504, ADA, FERPA
Caselaw and Recent Legal Developments,
NCD Report

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate and Parent's Attorney

Legal, System and School Culture Obstacles to compliance with IDEA 97

The Parent as the Special Ed Manager

Developing the Master Plan

Knowing the Rules of the Game

Recognizing and Avoiding the Fatal Obstacles

How to Deal with Conflict, a Healthy & Normal Event

Crisis, Emergency, Help

Organization of the Child's File

Tactics and Strategies

Rule of Adverse Assumptions

Private Evaluations

Paper Trails

The letter to a stranger

5Ws + H + E

Preparation for meetings

Meeting Strategies

Picking Your Battles

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Questions and Answers

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Coffee/tea will be available at 8:30 AM.

Your registration fee includes the one day presentation by Pete and Pam Wright, one copy each of "Wrightslaw: Special Education Law", and "From Emotions to Advocacy," and a copy of the Illinois Special Education Rules, and light refreshments. Complete the registration on the attached form, and mail it in with your payment.

Registrations Fees: Prior to February 21, 2004

\$55.00 per individual, \$75.00 per couple _one set of materials per couple

With Continuing Education Credit \$65.00

Walk in registrations: \$75.00 per individual, \$95.00 per couple.

With Continuing education credit \$85.00

"Wrightslaw: No Child Left Behind " The Wright's newest book may be purchased at a significant discount when registering for this conference. See attached registration form

Continuing Education Credit

The Illinois State Board of Education has certified that teachers attending this presentation will qualify for 6 hours of continuing education credit. The National Association of Social Workers has certified that social workers attending this conference will receive hours of continuing education credit. Other professional organizations will consider this conference for continuing education credit. Please contact us to find out if your professional organization is participating.

ATTORNEYS - Outside of Illinois

Attending this presentation can qualify as continuing legal education credit. The registration fee for attorneys desiring continuing education credit is \$125.00

~HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS~

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Double Tree Hotel in Skokie. Contact us for details
Deadline for group rate reservation is January 31,2004.

??? **QUESTIONS** ???

Call 312-914-0591 or send email to:

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Peter Wright has represented children with disabilities for more than 20 years. He represented Shannon Carter in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, Florence County School District IV v. Carter, 510 U.S.7,(1993). He also provides special education advocacy training to parents, advocates, and educators, and speaks at legal education seminars around the United States.

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 gives her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions.