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SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2004

SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

Special Education Advocacy for Parents and Professionals:
Understanding the Issues and Processes

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WHAT?

Special Education Advocacy Training for Parents and Professionals: Understanding the Issues and Processes

WHEN?

September 17, 2004

WHERE?

Omni Indianapolis North Hotel
8181 N. Shadeland Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46250

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This seminar is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates and attorneys who represent children with disabilities.

PRESENTERS

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

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The Wrights are coming to Indianapolis . . .

Mark your calendar for this workshop. The one-day advocacy seminar focuses on four areas: special education law, rights and responsibilities; test and measurements to measure progress and regression; SMART IEPs; and an introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy. Pete and Pam are known for their dynamic presentation style, as well as their expertise.

Pete Wright is an attorney whose own school experience led him toward a focus on Special Education Law. He is well-known for his work in this field, including successfully arguing a case before the United States Supreme Court.

Pam Wright is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families for more than 30 years. She is the primary author of the Wrights' two best-selling special education law books, as well as the editor of their well-known special education newsletter, "The Special Ed Advocate."

Registration

Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **No on-site registrations will be accepted. Space is limited.**

The registration fee for this conference is \$50. Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, presentation materials, a copy of Article 7, and two books by Pete and Pam Wright:
1.) Wrightslaw: Special Education Law;
2.) Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy.

All registrations are final. No money will be refunded. Once your completed registration form is received by IPAS, a confirmation packet will be mailed to participants that includes a confirmation letter, receipt of payment, map to conference location, and lodging information.

If you have questions about the seminar content, please contact Karen at 800.622.4845, ext. 232, or TTY 800.838.1131.

Event Schedule

8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. 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, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); Procedural Safeguards, Complaints, Notice, Placement in Alternative Educational Setting

10:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. Break

10:45 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. Special Education Law: Section 504, No Child Left Behind

Section 504 v. IDEA; Caselaw; IDEA Reauthorization; No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Tests & Measurements 101

Progress and Regression; Standard Scores, Subtest Scores, Percentile Ranks; How to Chart Test Scores

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. Lunch

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. SMART IEPs

Specific, Measurable, Action Words, Realistic & Relevant; Time-limited; Strategies for Writing Present Levels of Performance, Annual Goals, Short-term Objectives and Benchmarks; IEP Checklists; Recognizing Common IEP Problems

2:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. Break

2:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Tactics and Strategies

Reasons for Parent-School Conflict; Identify Common Obstacles to Problem Solving and 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; the "Letter to the Stranger"; How to Prepare for School Meetings; School Meeting Survival Strategies

4:00 – 4:30 P.M. Questions and Answers

Registration Form

**ONE-DAY ADVOCACY TRAINING SEMINAR
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

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