



**Wrightslaw  
Training  
Special Education Law  
Featuring:  
Pete & Pam Wright**

**Friday & Saturday  
January 21 & 22, 2005**

**Holiday Inn at UCF  
12125 High Tech Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32817**

**A Collaborative Sponsorship:  
Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida (DSACF)  
Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute (TJEEI)  
UCF-Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)  
Providing Autism Links & Supports, Inc. (PALS)**

## Overview

### This workshop is not disability specific

This 9 hour advocacy seminar will focus on:  
Special education law rights and responsibilities; tests and measurements to measure progress & regression; SMART IEPs; and an introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy.

### 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.

### When?

The seminar is scheduled from **6:30pm - 10pm, Friday, January 21, 2005** and to continue on **Saturday, January 22, 2005**, from **9:00am - 4:30pm**.

### Where?

**Holiday Inn at UCF, located at 12125 High Tech Avenue, Orlando, FL 32817.** Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn at UCF for a special rate of **\$75. plus tax**. Call **407-275-9000** to make your reservation. Mention Wrightslaw training to receive the special rate.

### What is the cost?

The registration fee for this conference is **\$80**. There is a **family rate of \$125** (both individuals must be living at the same address and a photo copy of both drivers license, with registration is required.) and a **student rate of \$50** (photo copy of student ID is required with registration.) Registration fee includes: Wrightslaw Special Education Law book and From Emotions to Advocacy Book (a value of \$60), Snack Break on Friday, and Box Lunch on Saturday.

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
Call 407-823-1297

## AGENDA

Friday, January 21, 2005  
6:30-9:45pm  
5:30pm Registration Begins



- 6:30-8:00pm**  
**IDEA 2003** Present Legislative Status
- 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, Statewide Assessments
- 8:00 - 8:15pm** **Snack Break**
- 8:15 - 9:45pm** Understanding Tests and Measurements, and the Bell Curve, Standard Scores, Scale Scores, % ranks, Grade Equivalent, Age Equivalent
- Demonstration** Use of Power Point and Excel in Advocacy S.M.A.R.T. IEPs
- Section 1414(a)** Evaluations and Re-Evaluations
- Section 1414(d)** Individualized Educational Programs, Present Levels of Performance Goals and Objectives

Saturday, January 22, 2005  
9:00am - 4:30pm

- 9:00 - 10:30am** **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
- NCLB** No Child Left Behind
- Advocacy:** Special Ed. Caselaw Special Ed Advocacy for the Parent, Advocate, and Parent's Attorney Legal, systemic and "school culture" obstacles to compliance with IDEA-97, 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
- 10:30-10:45am** **Break**
- 10:45am - 12:00pm**  
The Parent as the Special Ed. Manager and Expert, continued Crisis, Emergency, Help Organization of the Child's File, Tactics and Strategies-Overview - Rule of Adverse Assumptions - Private Evaluations - Paper Trails - The Letter to the Stranger
- 12:00 - 1:00pm** **Lunch (box lunch provided)**
- 1:00: - 2:30pm** Tactics and Strategies - continued - The Letter to the Stranger - examples - 5 Ws + H + E - Preparation for Meetings, Meeting Strategies
- 2:30 - 2:45pm** **Break**
- 2:45 - 3:45pm** Tactics and Strategies - continued - Picking Your Battles - Marketing and Selling Case Law and Tactics In Summation
- 3:45 - 4:30pm** Questions and Answers

**For MORE  
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# wrights law registration

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Saturday, January 22, 2005 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Holiday Inn at UCF**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print your name as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

2nd Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which organization you are affiliated with:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida (DSACF)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute (TJEEI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ UCF-Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UCF-CARD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee:**

(Check which applies)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \$ 80.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$ 80.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Family (2 individuals living in same household /one set of books) \$125.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Student (copy of student ID required) \$ 50.
- Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ PO# \_\_\_\_\_

Make funds payable to: **UCF Academy/Wrightslaw.**

Mail completed registration form and check or PO to: (sorry, no cash or credit cards can be accepted)

University of Central Florida  
UCF Academy/Wrightslaw  
TA 93-Suite 420  
Post Office Box 161250  
Orlando, FL 32816-1250

If you need more information please feel free to call **407-823-1297**.

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To qualify for the Family Rate please enclose a photocopy of both drivers license. Both individuals must live in the same residence. Students are required to send a xeroxed copy of their student ID card.

Find Directions to Holiday Inn at UCF; 12123 High Tech Avenue; Orlando, FL 32817 at [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com).

Deadline for receipt of payment is **Friday, January 7, 2005**. For any cancellations there will be a \$10. processing fee. Space is limited. On-site reservations will be accepted provided there is space at a fee of \$90.

## PETER W. D. WRIGHT, Esq.

ATTORNEY

Peter W. D. Wright attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia and majored in Psychology. After graduation from college in 1968, he worked for several years in juvenile training schools, first as a houseparent and later as a counselor. Later, he worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer, first in a suburb of Richmond, Virginia, and later in the ghettos and projects of the City of Richmond. In 1972, he was honored as Virginia's "Juvenile Probation Officer of the Year."

While employed in the Juvenile Justice System, Pete also attended evening college in a graduate psychology program at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he completed thirty hours of coursework.

Since the early 1970's, Pete has been active with the Orton Dyslexia Society and the Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities, now known as LDAA. In the 1970's, he presented papers about the relationship between learning disabilities and juvenile delinquency at the national conferences of both organizations.

As an attorney, Pete continues to be involved in the field of special education. He has spoken at the annual national conferences of many associations on "How To Secure an Appropriate Special Education for Your Child and Avoid Due Process." He has presented a number of continuing legal education seminars in different states to attorneys in regard to the representation of special education children.

Mr. Wright and his wife have developed the "Wrightslaw" Special Education Law and Advocacy website. It is the top ranked website in regard to special education advocacy for children with disabilities. He and his wife have also published the best selling special education law books entitled *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy* and have an on-line newsletter with over 50,000 subscribers. Pete is on the Board of the National Council of Parents Attorneys, and Advocates, a special education association of parents, attorneys, and advocates and a member of Advisory Boards and Boards of Director for numerous disability related organizations.

## PAMELA DARR WRIGHT, M.A., M.S.W.

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

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. She sees clients in mental health centers, family guidance and psychiatric clinics, correctional institutions, hospitals, and schools.

Pam Wright earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University. For ten years, she worked as a Clinical Psychologist in North Carolina. She returned to graduate school and in 1985, earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University, graduating *Summa Cum Laude*. She has received many honors and awards during her academic career and is listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. In addition to being the primary author of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law* and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*, and designer of the wrightslaw dot com site, she has written numerous articles about raising, educating, and advocating for children with disabilities.



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