

AGENDA
WRIGHTSLAW SPECIAL EDUCATION AND LAW & ADVOCACY PROGRAM
League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.

AM 8:00 -9:00	Registration
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Introductions Review of Agenda; Pre-test Overview:Individuals w/Disabilites Education Act (IDEA-97) and Reauthorized IDEA of 2004 Section 1400 - Findings & Purposes Sectin 1401 - Definitions Section 1412 - “Catchall Stature” - Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), 10 day notice re: private placements, Assessments, ESY Review</p>
10:30: 10:45	<p>Section 1414(d) - Evaluations, Reevaluations, Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) Section 1415 - Procedural Safeguards Review: IDEA Section 504; No Child Left Behind Act Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve</p>
PM 12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	<p>Review: IDEA & Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve SMART IEPs Crisis! Emergency! Help! Reasons for Conflict; Obstacles to Success Rule of Adverse Assumptions Exam</p>
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:00	<p>Advocacy Strategies Negotiation Skills How to Organize the Child’s File Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation Paper Trails & Letters; “Letter to the Stranger”</p>
4:00 - 4:30	<p>Preparing for School Meetings; Survival Strategies Questions and Answers</p>

There will be two books used as primary teaching tools during the workshop: “Special Education Law” and “From Emotions to Advocacy”, by Peter and Pamela Wright. A \$60 value included in the registration fee.

Contact Information
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An Advocacy Seminar

Wrightslaw
Special Ed Advocacy Program

For Parents and Professionals

Presenters

Wayne D. Steedman, Esq. & Pat Howey

Thursday, March 31, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

at

League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.

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Fort Wayne, IN 46816

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About the Seminar

League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc. will be sponsoring advocacy educators Wayne Steedman, Esq. And Pat Howey for a one-day **Special Ed Advocacy Program** at the League for the Blind and Disabled on March 31, 2005. This program is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates and others who represent children with disabilities and their families.

In this one-day seminar you will learn the skills and acquire the knowledge to develop a strategy to handle education issues. Information will be discussed about special education laws, case conferences and the IEP process, and the advocacy techniques that you need to help children with disabilities and their families.

About the Presenters

Wayne Steedman is a partner in the law firm of Callegary & Steedman, P.A. His practice is devoted primarily to the representation of children with disabilities. He has represented his clients in administrative due process hearings and state and federal courts. Mr. Steedman obtained his J.D. degree from the University of Maryland Law School. In addition to his law degree, Mr. Steedman has a Masters degree in social work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Pat Howey is an advocate who has helped parents obtain quality special education services for their children with disabilities since 1986. She also helps parents resolve special education disputes with their school districts. If Pat cannot assist you, she will refer you to attorneys for legal advice and assistance. Pat has a B.A. in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

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. Please visit www.wrightslaw.com

About the League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.

The League for the Bind and Disabled, Inc. is a private, not for profit program that promotes independent living as a right of people with disabilities to allow them to control and direct their own lives and to participate actively in society. For more information about the League, contact us at 260-441-0551, or visit our website www.the-league.org

Special Advocacy Program ! March 31, 2005 The League for the Blind & Disabled, Inc.

Registration Form

Name _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Profession _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Payment Information

- Registration Due March 17, 2005
- Registration Fee \$50 per person
- Payment must be received with registration form
- Parent Scholarship Requested? _____

- \$50 Registration Check Enclosed
- \$10 CEU Fee Enclosed (**.6 credit hour**)

- Please do not send cash in the mail
- Registration Includes two books, lunch and refreshments
- Registration fee is non-refundable after March 28, 2005
- Limited Scholarships for parents/guardians of children w/disabilities

How to Register

Mail Registration and Check Payable to:
The League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc.
5821 S. Anthony Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Limited seating available (Free Parking)

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