

Seeds for Success

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and UCF-Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

Present



Understanding Educational Advocacy

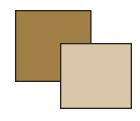


Featuring: Pam and Pete Wright

Tuesday, February 25, 2003 9:00am-4:30pm

> The Rosen Centre Hotel 9840 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819





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Purpose

Family quality of life for parents of children with disabilities is enhanced by knowledge and skills that enable them to be effective advocates for their children. Accessing information about special education rights, procedures, and laws like IDEA and Section 504 can be confusing, expensive, and difficult. Florida Developmental Disabilities Council and the University of Central Florida's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities are co-sponsoring "Wrightslaw," a full day conference with expert advice to enhance advocacy skills in the area of Educational Rights. For the full day's agenda, please visit UCF-CARD's website at www.ucf-card.org. Registration will begin at 8:00am. If you have questions or need further information please call UCF-CARD at 407-737-2566.

Presenters

PETER W. D. WRIGHT, ESQ.

ATTORNEY

Pete Wright was a student who coped with learning disabilities and symptoms of ADHD throughout his education. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Virginia as an undergraduate and, after working in the juvenile justice system, he obtained his law degree from University of Richmond. He has practiced in the area of special education law for the last 25 years. In 1993, he argued before the United States Supreme Court, and won an unanimous landmark decision in *Florence County School District Four v. Shannon Carter.* He is a member of the Board of the National Council of Parents, Attorneys and Advocates.

Pete has presented "How to Secure an Appropriate Special Education for Your Child and Avoid Due Process" nationally, and has been an invited speaker at countless conferences. Together with his wife, Pete developed "Wrightslaw" the top-ranked Special Education Law and Advocacy website. They have also developed an on-line newsletter with over 35, 000 subscribers.

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

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Pamela Wright was educated at Eastern Carolina University and Virginia Commonwealth University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She holds dual Masters degrees in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Social Work. Her more than 30 years of work in these fields gives her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, solutions and quality of life.

Pam is the primary author of the books **Wrightslaw: Special Education Law**, and **Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy**, (co-authored with Pete Wright), and the designer of the wrightslaw.com website. She has written numerous articles about raising, educating, and advocating for children with disabilities.

Sponsors

Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council was established in 1971 to advocate for systems of community support to enable individuals with disabilities to live healthy, productive lives within their communities. The Council funds research, innovations, and programs designed to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families.

UCF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)

The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is funded by the State of Florida as a non-residential resource and training center for people of any age with autism, deaf-blindness, and related disabilities. CARD is located at the University of Central Florida. Activities of the center include consultation and individualized support, dissemination of information, professional training, and public awareness.

Registration

No fee is required to attend "Seeds for Success," however, preregistration is required by mail or fax. This conference is for Florida residents and professionals ONLY. Registration must be received on or before February 10, 2003. Space is limited to the first 150 registrants.

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