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Creating a "SMART" IEP

Peter and Pamela Wright of Wrightslaw will teach parents how to create an IEP with the following "SMART" characteristics: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ction, **R**easonable and Realistic, and **T**ime-Specific. They will also give pointers for decoding psycheducational test results so that parents can understand where their children are and where they need to go.

The Fifth Annual 2001 NLDA Symposium

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Nonverbal Learning Disorders: NLDA's 5th Annual Symposium

Schedule of Events

This symposium designed to educate interested individuals about Nonverbal Learning Disorders (NLD). Professionals from a number of disciplines and perspectives will cover issues related to both children and adults. Integral to the information provided is the instructive implications for teaching, parenting, and professionally managing the growth and independence of individuals with Nonverbal Learning Disorders.

Thursday, April 19th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pre-Symposium Workshop

- Dr. Steve Nowicki, author, Teaching Your Child the Language of Social Success.

Thursday, April 19th 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Registration

- Banquet: NLD Research Information- Dr. Herbert Schreier et al & NLD Video from Rush Neurobehavioral Center

Friday, April 20th 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Facilitated Conversations: a) Life Skills, b) How to Lead An NLDA Support Group (with booklet), c) Getting Organized, d) Handwriting e) IEP's
- Introduction: Marcia Rubinstien, President, NLDA
- Featured Keynote Speaker (Part One): Dr. Sal Severe, author, How to Behave So Your Children Will Too!
- **Legal Track Peter and Pam Wright on creating a "SMART" IEP. Specific, Measurable, Action, Reasonable, Realistic, and Time-Specific. These are the characteristics of a SMART IEP. Parents can understand where their children are and where they need to go.**

Breakout sessions

- **Professional Track** Dr. Herb Schreier & Coleen Dorfman, Ph.D. "New Research and Theoretical Positions on the Cognitive Issues Involved in Learning, Language and Social Adeptness."
- **Educational Track** Jacqueline Earle-Cruickshanks, MS: "Nonverbal Learning Disability: A Medical Doctor's Personal Challenge."
- **Parent Track** Robert Crockett: "NLD From a Parent's Perspective."
- **Special Topics** James Callner, MA: "Surviving OCD." including the award-winning video on OCD: The Touching Tree.
- **Social Track** Michelle Garcia-Winner MA, CCC: "It Takes Two To Tango!: Teaching Your Child How Their Behaviors Are Interpreted by the Rest of the World."

Breakout sessions

- **Professional Track** Rondalyn Whitney MOT, OTR & Robin Bonsall, OTR: "Play - an Essential Component of Social Skills - Building A Play Program for Kids with NLD."
- **Educational Track** Kathryn Stewart, Ph.D.: "The Orion Academy Program: Personal Projects and the Use of Mentoring."
- **Parent Track** Shreve Archer, MD, FAAP. "Is It Just NLD?"
- **Special Topics** Kelli Bond: "NLD Goes to the Office."
- **Social Track** Judy Freedman, L.C.S.W.: "Easing the Teasing: a Pro-active Approach Toward Bringing Stress Education into the Classroom."
- **Professional Panel Q&A**
- Visit The Resource Area: Books, Tapes, Videos, OT Products
- Options: Video (TBA), NLDA Support Meeting Information, Meet with other parents/meet with other adults.

Saturday, April 21st 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Facilitated Conversations: a) Siblings, b) NLD Adults, c) Helping Parents Make a Therapies Plan d) Fair Hearings e) TBA
- Opening
- **Legal Track** Featured Keynote Speaker: **Peter and Pam Wright of Wrightslaw: "How to Avoid Due Process and Still Prevail: For Teachers, Administrators and Parents."**

Breakout sessions

- **Professional Track** Meryl Lipton, MD, Ph.D.: "Pharmacologic Interventions for NLD-2001."
- **Educational Track** Schools Panel: "School Successes with NLD Students."
- **Parent Track** Rondalyn Whitney, MOT, OTR: "Crossing the Bridge to a Typical Childhood: The Story of Zac: Part III."
- **Special Topics** Marcia Rubinstien, MA: "Finding A School For Your NLD Child."
- **Social Track** Bernadette Evans, Ph.D.: "Social Skills Training for Children with NLD"
- **Visit Our Resource Area:** Books and book signings, Tapes, Videos, OT Products. Walk-About Lunch served.
- **Adult Panel Q&A** (45 minutes) / Dads & Kids Panel (45 minutes)

Breakout sessions

- **Professional Track** Michelle Garcia-Winner, MA, CCC: "Social Thinking and Related Skills: Learning to Break It All Down So We Can Build It Back UP!"
- **Educational Track** Meredith Warshaw, MA: "Uniquely Gifted: The Twice Exceptional Student."
- **Parent Track** Kathy Allen, MA: "Strategies for Home-based Schooling and 'Afterschooling'."
- **Special Topics** Tim Dering, Ph.D.: "From Bad to Worse: When A Youngster with NLD Gets In Trouble."
- **Social Track** Teen Panel
- **Closing and Feedback Form**