

Pete Wright is an attorney who represents children with special needs. Pete struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences.

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**Holiday Inn Select– Koger Center South
Directions**

From Washington, D.C. traveling I-95 South - Take Exit 79 (Powhite Parkway I-195). Keep left and follow Powhite to Midlothian Turnpike (Route 60 - West). Follow Midlothian Turnpike 2 miles to Koger Center Blvd. Take right to hotel.

From North Carolina Traveling I-95 North - Take Exit 67 Chippenham Parkway. Follow 10 miles to (Route 60) Midlothian Turnpike West. 5 miles to Koger Center Blvd. Take a right to hotel.

From Charlottesville - Traveling I-64 East - Take exit 186 for Powhite Parkway (I-195). Follow Powhite Parkway to Midlothian Turnpike (Route 60 - West) for 2 miles to Koger Center Boulevard. Take Right to hotel.

From Virginia Beach - Stay on I-64 West. Follow signs to I-95 north, (DO NOT TAKE I-295.) Stay on I-95 North to Powhite Parkway I-195 (Exit 79). Follow Powhite Parkway to Midlothian Turnpike (Route 60-West) for 2 Miles to Koger Center Boulevard. (From RIC Airport follow these directions.)

* *Powhite Parkway is also listed as Route 76 South of the James River.*

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**Monday
September 16
2002
8:15 am - 4:30 pm**

Holiday Inn Select
1021 Koger Center Blvd.
Richmond, Virginia

Parents of children with disabilities encounter obstacles when they advocate for their children. Two common obstacles are isolation and lack of information. We are working to remove these obstacles.

This program is designed to meet the needs of:

- parents
- educators
- health care providers
- advocates
- and attorneys who represent children with disabilities



We share ideas and tips that work, things that don't work, and why. We want you to leave with practical ideas that you can immediately apply to your situation.

We use PowerPoint for a multi-media presentation - you can hear and see what we are saying. We give quizzes so you get feedback about what you are learning.

One Day Advocacy Training Seminar

8:15 - 9:00 am Registration and coffee.

9:00 - 10:30 am **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 - 10:45 am Break

10:45 - 11:15 am

Special Education Law: Section 504, No Child Left Behind. Section 504 v. IDEA; Caselaw; IDEA Reauthorization (IDEA 2002); Back to School on Civil Rights; No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

11:15 - 12:00 noon

Tests & Measurements 101.

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

12:00 - 1:00 pm Buffet Lunch.

1:00 - 2:30 pm **Introduction to SMART IEPs.** Specific, Measurable, Action Words, Realistic & Relevant; Time-limited; Strategies for Writing Present Levels of Performance, Annual Goals, Short-term Objectives & Benchmarks; IEP Checklists; Recognizing Common IEP Problems

2:30 - 2:45 pm Break

2:45 - 4:00 pm **Introduction to Tactics & Strategies.** Reasons for Parent-School Conflict; Identify Common Obstacles to Problem Solving & 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 pm Review. Qs & As.

Educators are encouraged to attend

All participants will receive a copy of: **Wrightslaw: Special Education Law** and a copy of **Virginia Special Education Regulations**.

Copies of **Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy (FETA)** will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Registration Form

<input type="checkbox"/> Wrightslaw Training Seminar September 16, 2002	Price \$60.00
Number of Attendees _____ x _____	
	Total: _____

Name _____

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For hotel reservations call Holiday Inn Select at 1-800-397-1034. A block of rooms have been reserved at a special rate of \$72.00. Mention The Autism Program of Virginia in order to receive this rate, before September 2, 2002.

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