

Saturday March 31, 2001

Keynote: How to Get Quality Services and Avoid Due Process.

Due process hearings are expensive and exhausting, but are sometimes necessary to resolve special education disputes.

When parents learn about their rights, responsibilities, and how to use tactics and strategies, they can often secure appropriate services for their children without requesting a hearing.

Pete and Pam Wright provide training about special education, law, advocacy, and related issues.

Special Ed Law 101: An Overview of IDEA - 97 and Caselaw.

This session will focus on the key concepts of FAPE, LRE, Notice, and educational benefit based on IDEA - 97 and case law from the Ninth Circuit and the State of Washington.

Wrightslaw Strategies: The Letter to the Stranger, S.M.A.R.T IEP's, and More.

Learn how to organize your child's file, create paper trails, draft "S.M.A.R.T IEPs," use your computer to create visual aids, and write "Letters to the Stranger."

IDEA requires school districts to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) "to all children with disabilities . . . between the ages of 3 and 21 . . ." unless this is "inconsistent with State law or practice . . ." 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(1) (*Wrightslaw: Special Education Law*, page 42)



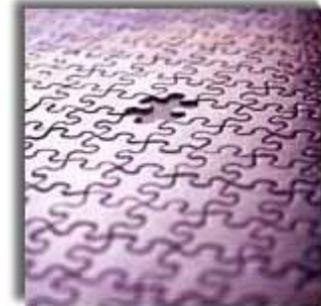
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Friday, March 30, 2001

7:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM. Keynote Address. *Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders* by Dr. Cathy Pratt, Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism; Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana University.

10:30 AM. Breakout Sessions.

- Designing Positive Behavioral Support Approaches for Students Who Exhibit Problem Behavior
- Sensory Processing and Autism: Another Way to Look at Behavior
- The Fabric of Autism—Weaving the Threads
- UW Autism Research Project: Genetics, Neuroimaging, Brain Function and Treatment
- Autism Community Services

11:45 AM. Lunch and Book-signing. *Unraveling the Mysteries of Autism and PDD* by Keryn Seroussi

1:00 PM. Breakout Sessions.

- Implementation of the Dan Protocol: Biology Pathology, basic science and treatment strategies
- Sensory Integration Goes to Camp
- Olympia School District Structured Teaching Program
- The ABC's of Advocacy
- ESD 112 Regional Autism Consulting Cadre: One Year Later

2:05 PM. Breakout Sessions.

- Portrait of a Para-Pro
- Understanding the Biological Treatments for Autism - A Parent's Perspective
- Unleashing Potential with Music Therapy
- Olympia School District Structured Teaching Program
- Asperger's Syndrome & the Anxiety/Rage Cycle

Friday, March 30 (continued)

3:30 PM. Keynote Address. *Autism And the Family Identity* by Eustachian Cutler, author and mother of Temple Grandin

6:00 PM. Social hour.

7:00 PM. Dinner. *2001 Outstanding Achievement Awards.*

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10:30 AM. Breakout Sessions.

- Using Stories to Teach
- Beyond the Wall
- Special Ed Law 101: An Overview of IDEA - 97 & Caselaw by Pete and Pam Wright
- Understanding Biological Treatments for Autism: Diet Workshop
- The Fabric of Autism-Weaving the Threads

11:45 AM. Lunch & Book-signing. *Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Asperger's Syndrome* by Stephen Shore.

1:00 PM. Breakout Sessions.

- Wrightslaw Strategies: The Letter to the Stranger, S.M.A.R.T IEP's, and More (Part 1) by Pete & Pam Wright
- Relationships & Social Issues for Adults with Autism
- Under One Roof: Asperger's Syndrome (AS) and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- Designing Visually Structured Tasks for Home and School Turning Dream into Reality: Family Autism Network

Saturday, March 31 (continued)

2:05 PM. Breakout Sessions.

- Wrightslaw Strategies: The Letter to the Stranger, S.M.A.R.T IEP's, and More (Part 2), Pete & Pam Wright
- Toolbox for Parents -
- Employment & Disclosure for Adults with Autism
- Early Intervention in Autism: Understanding and Evaluating Your Options
- Sensory Integration Therapy

3:30 PM. Keynote Presentation. *The Adventures of Jean-Paul* by Julie A. Donnelly & Jean-Paul Bovee

Featured Speakers . . .

- Julie A. Donnelly and Jean-Paul Bovee
- Eustacia Cutler
- Karyn Seroussi
- Stephen Shore
- Dr. Cathy Pratt
- Judith Bluestone, Ph.D.
- Peter W. D. Wright, Esq. & Pamela Darr Wright, MA, MSW
- Dr. Geraldine Dawson, Ph.D.
- Karen Roe

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