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## Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy

Wrightslaw programs are designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care providers, advocates and attorneys who represent children with disabilities regarding special education. The programs are not disability specific.

This one-day special education law and advocacy program focuses on four areas:

- Special education law, rights and responsibilities
- SMART IEPs
- Tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
- Introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

### Speakers

Wayne Steedman is an attorney and founding partner in the law firm of Callegary & Steedman. His practice is devoted primarily to the representation of children with disabilities. Mr. Steedman has represented his clients in administrative due process hearings and state and federal courts.

Pat Howey is an advocate who has helped parents obtain special education services for their children with disabilities since 1986. Pat has a B.A. in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she graduated with honors.

### Sponsors:

**ASI-C-U Autism Network** provides educational, networking and support services for individuals who are living with or supporting those with autism or other related Disorders in Champaign County. For more information: [www.autismillinois.org](http://www.autismillinois.org)

**Down Syndrome Network** is a local family support group that provides support, education and advocacy services to persons with Down syndrome and their families. Contact: Kathleen Williams-Hjort. [www.champaigndsn.org](http://www.champaigndsn.org)

**PROUDD** Parents Resource Organization for the Understanding of Disabilities and Developmental delays is an all-disability organization that does education, training, resources and support for anyone living or working with a child with any disability or developmental delay.

For more information: [www.proudd.com](http://www.proudd.com) or email [prouddparents@aol.com](mailto:prouddparents@aol.com)  
Contact: Carla Oldham at (630) 978.1615



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Presented by  
Wayne Steedman, Esq.  
&  
Pat Howey



Hawthorn Suites Ltd.  
Champaign, IL  
Saturday  
October 28, 2006

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The Down Syndrome Network of  
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## Wrightslaw Training

### Agenda

- 7:30-8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30-10:00 **Introductions**  
Review of Agenda, Pre-test  
Overview: Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act (IDEA 97) and Reauthorized  
IDEA of 2004.  
**Section 1400**—Findings & Purposes  
**Section 1401**—Definitions  
**Section 1412**—“Catchall Statute” - Least  
Restrictive Environment (LRE), 10 day  
notice re: Private Placements, Assessments,  
ESY, Review
- 10:00-10:15 **Break**
- 10:15-12:00 **Section 1414 (d)** -Evaluations, Reevaluations,  
Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)  
**Section 1415**— Procedural Safeguards  
Review: IDEA  
Section 504, No Child Left Behind Act  
Tests & Measurements, & Bell Curve
- 12:00-12:30 **Lunch (Provided)**
- 12:30-2:00 Review: IDEA & Tests & Measurements &  
the Bell Curve  
SMART IEPs  
Crisis! Emergency! Help!  
Reasons for Conflict, Obstacles to Success  
Rule of Adverse Assumptions
- 2:00-2:15 **Break**
- 2:15-3:00 Advocacy Strategies  
Negotiation Skills  
How to Organize the Child’s File  
Comprehensive Psychoeducational  
Evaluation  
Paper Trails & Letters, “Letter to the  
Stranger”  
Preparing for School Meetings, Survival  
Strategies
- 3:00-3:30 Questions and Answers

## Registration Information

### Early Bird Special

#### Registration received before October 1

___ Individual	\$55.00
___ Couples (husband/wife team)	\$90.00

#### Registrations received after October 1

___ Individual	\$65.00
___ Couples (husband/wife team)	\$100.00

**Note:** Husband/Wife couples will receive **one set of books and two lunches.**

Registration fees include a copy of **Wrightslaw: IDEA 2004** and **Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, second edition** (retail value \$35), and lunch.

6 ISBE Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) available.

• If you are a person with a disability and require accommodations, please discuss your needs by calling 888-691-1270 or email [info@autismillinois.org](mailto:info@autismillinois.org)

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Mail registration to:

Autism Society of Illinois  
2200 S. Main Street, Suite 317  
Lombard, IL 60148

Telephone: 630-691-1270/888-691-1270

Fax: 630-932-5620

E-mail: [info@autismillinois.org](mailto:info@autismillinois.org)

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