The Unicorn Children’s Foundation

Presents

The 2006 Fall IDEA Symposium

featuring

Wrightslaw

Special Education Law & Advocacy Boot Camp:
Facilitating a Successful School Year for Children
with Learning & Communication Disorders

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Affects worldwide change, through a coordination of efforts among professionals, parents and policy makers so that every child with any communication or learning disorder, of any severity, is given the greatest opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential.

Over the last decade, there has been a steady and startling increase in the number of children diagnosed with developmental disorders with no established cause: 31% for infants & toddlers and 46% for pre-school aged children.

(U.S. Department of Education, 2005)

For the many children and families whose lives have been affected by a learning or communication disorder, the programs we support are critical stepping stones in their journey to a place called “normal”. Your support can help them find their way.

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Program of Events

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal legislation which assures all children with disabilities receive special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs. IDEA was recently re-authorized with several important changes.

Members of the prestigious Wrightslaw team, the nation’s preeminent organization on special education law and advocacy, will educate parents and professionals on the revisions to the IDEA and how these changes will impact special education programs. Participants will gain insight into effective advocacy and negotiation strategies that may facilitate productive collaboration between parents and schools.

Join us for the 2006 Fall IDEA Symposium... together we will find the way.

This two-day event will help you:

- Understand the revisions to the IDEA and how it relates to children’s special education programs
- Utilize the special education statutes and regulations to get answers to questions
- Navigate the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process to ensure children are receiving appropriate special education programs
- Understand how tests and measurements should be utilized to measure educational progress
- Write SMART IEP goals and objectives
- Create paper trails and write effective letters
- Access organizations that promote programs / products to help children overcome their difficulties at home and in the classroom
- Network with other individuals impacted by issues related to educating children with learning and communication disorders

Any individual impacted by issues related to educating children with learning and communication disorders (LCDs) should attend:

- Parents of children (ages 3-21) with LCDs
- Parents whose child (aged 3-21) is enrolled or will enroll in an ESE program
- Teachers & Guidance Counselors
- School Administrators
- ESE Specialists
- Curriculum Specialists
- Reading Specialists
- Tutors
- Speech Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Psychologists
- Pediatricians
- Neurologists
- Judges & Attorneys
- College Students Studying in Related Fields

Each registrant receives 3 information-packed course books:

- From Emotions to Advocacy, The Special Education Survival Guide by Pete & Pam Wright
- Wrightslaw, IDEA 2004 by Pete & Pam Wright
- Florida Statutes & State Board of Education Rules