



THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAPTER OF  
THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA PRESENTS

# WRIGHTSLAW: SPECIAL EDUCATION & ADVOCACY TRAINING

February 20, 2007 at the The Dana on Mission Bay  
San Diego, California

*....don't miss this rare opportunity to see the Wrights for their first San Diego conference!*

# SCHEDULE...

FEBRUARY 20, 2007



8:00-9:00 Registration ★  
Coffee & Juice

9:00-10:30 Introductions ★ Review of Agenda & Pre-Test

Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-97) and reauthorized IDEA of 2004 ★ Section 1400: Findings & Purpose ★ Section 1401: Definitions ★ Section 1412: "Catchall Statute" including Least Restrictive Environment, Private Placements, Assessment, ESY

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 Individualized Educational Programs ★ IEPs

Section 1415: Procedural Safeguards ★ Review: IDEA ★ Section 504: No Child Left Behind Act ★ Tests & Measurements and the Bell Curve

12:00-1:00 Lunch (box lunch)

1:00-2:30 Review: IDEA, Tests & Measurements, and the Bell Curve ★ SMART IEPs ★ Crisis! Emergency! Help! ★ Reasons for Conflict & Obstacles to Success ★ Rule of Adverse Assumptions

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 Advocacy Strategies ★ Negotiation Skills ★ How to Organize the Child's File ★ Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation ★ Paper Trails & Letters: "Letter to the Stranger" ★ Preparing for School Meeting & Survival Strategies

4:00-4:30 Questions & Answers

*Between sessions, take a moment to visit our exhibitors who provide advocacy services, legal assistance, and much more!*

## The Dana on Mission Bay

1710 West Mission Bay Dr.

San Diego, CA 92109

619.222.6440

www.thedana.net

LOCATION  
LODGING

### From the North

Take the I-5 South. Take the Sea World Drive exit (Exit 21) to the Right. Stay straight on Sea World Drive for approximately 1.6 miles. Merge onto the Ingraham Street exit to the Right. Stay Right and merge onto the West Mission Bay Drive ramp to the Right. Turn Right after .1 miles into The Dana.

### From the South

Take the I-5 North. Merge Right onto the I-8 West toward BEACHES. Take the Sports Arena Blvd/West Mission Bay Dr. exit to the Right toward West Mission Bay Dr. Stay Right and merge onto the West Mission Bay Drive ramp to the Right. Turn Right after .1 miles into The Dana.

### From the East

Take the I-8 West. Take the Sports Arena Blvd/West Mission Bay Dr. exit to the Right toward West Mission Bay Dr. Stay Right and merge onto the West Mission Bay Drive ramp to the Right. Turn Right after .1 miles into The Dana.

On-site parking is available and FREE!



## SPECIAL ROOM RATES

A block of rooms at the conference site THE DANA ON MISSION BAY has been reserved by the San Diego Autism Society at a conference rate. In order to receive this discount, please reserve your room by January 5, 2007.

After this date, rooms will be provided on a space available basis. Participants must identify themselves as part of the Autism Society of America- San Diego County Chapter at the time of reservation. Call the Dana at 619.222.6440 for more info.

### Alternate Hotels

Hyatt Regency Islandia  
1441 Quivira Rd.  
619.224.1234  
.06 miles away

San Diego Paradise Point  
1404 Vacation Rd.  
858.274.4630  
.68 miles away

Holiday Inn Express  
3950 Jupiter St.  
619.226.8000  
1.2 miles away



# PRESENTERS



PETER WRIGHT, ESQ. is an attorney who represents children with special educational needs. Pete struggled with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. His determination to help children grew out of his own educational experiences. In October 1993, Pete successfully represented Shannon Carter before the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision on Shannon's behalf in *Florence County v. Shannon Carter*.

Since then, he and his wife have developed the "wrightslaw" special education law and advocacy website. It is the top ranked website in regard to special education advocacy for children with disabilities. He and his wife have also published the best selling special education law books entitled "Wrightslaw: Special Education Law" and "Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy." They have an online newsletter with over 35,000 subscribers. He is a member of Advisory Boards and Boards of Director for numerous disability related organizations.

PAMELA DARR WRIGHT is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the 1970's. Her training and experience in clinical psychology and clinical social work give her a unique perspective on parent-child-school dynamics, problems, and solutions.

Pam has written extensively about raising, educating and advocating for children with disabilities and is the primary author of the Wright's two best selling special education law books, *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law*, and *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*. Pam publishes *The Special Ed Advocate*, a weekly electronic newsletter and manages several websites including, [wrightslaw.com](http://wrightslaw.com), [fetaweb.com](http://fetaweb.com) and [yellowpagesforkids.com](http://yellowpagesforkids.com).



## *What You Will Learn...*

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

Special education law, rights, and responsibilities

Tests and measurements to measure progress and regression

SMART IEPs

Introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy

# WRIGHTSLAW 2007 REGISTRATION

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How to Register? ONLINE at [www.sd-autism.org](http://www.sd-autism.org) ■ starting Dec. 1, 2006  
OR BY MAIL to the address at the bottom of the form ■ starting Nov. 1, 2006

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Included in  
the price of  
registration:**

TWO  
INFORMATIVE  
BOOKS FROM  
THE WRIGHTS!



Wrightslaw:  
Special Education  
Law 2nd Edition  
Retail \$34.95



Wrightslaw:  
From Emotion  
to Advocacy  
2nd Edition  
Retail \$19.95

**Optional Book:** (highly recommended- will be available for purchase at the conference for \$29.95)

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND** By Pete Wright, Esq, Pamela Darr Wright, Suzanne Whitney Heath



**Continuing Education (payment at the conference):**

0.6 CEU credits for teachers (\$9/person) and CLE's (number TBD) for attorneys

**Registration Fee:**

**EARLY BIRD (before Jan. 19)  \$125      REGULAR (after Jan. 19)  \$150**

A boxed lunch is included in your registration, please circle which one you prefer: **CHICKEN PITA      VEGGIE**

**I'd like to become a member of the San Diego Autism Society:**

**STUDENT  \$25      INDIVIDUAL  \$40      FAMILY  \$50**

**TOTAL COSTS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT:  CHECK (payable to San Diego ASA) or  CREDIT CARD (Circle One) M/C    Visa    Discover**

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed registration along with payment to:  
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For questions, contact SDASA at:

619.298.1981 • [info@sd-autism.org](mailto:info@sd-autism.org)  
[www.sd-autism.org](http://www.sd-autism.org)

Interested in exhibiting at the event? Email Sandy Shaw at  
[sshaw2@earthlink.net](mailto:sshaw2@earthlink.net) Exhibitor deadline is 1.19.07



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WRIGHTSLAW  
CONFERENCE

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In addition to our annual conferences, the San Diego County Chapter of the Autism Society of America offers a variety of programs to support both families and professionals including:



- Monthly Informational Meetings
- Spanish Language Programs
- North County Programs
- Bi-Monthly Newsletters
- Aquatic Programs
- Asperger's Group
- Camp I CAN