

**Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy Training**  
**Sponsored by Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia**  
**(DSANV)**

Virginia Tech NoVA Center  
7054 Haycock Rd, Falls Church, Virginia 22043

Saturday February 10, 2007

8:00am – 4:30pm

Take an active role in managing your child's special education by learning the gentle art of disagreeing and how to maintain healthy working relationships with your school.

Parent advocate and paralegal, Pat Howey, will teach you:

- \* how to assess your child's strengths and needs
- \* how to prepare a Parent Report for the IEP team
- \* how to build healthy working relationships with school personnel
- \* how to document information that may prevent or resolve disputes
- \* how to participate as an equal member of your child's IEP team

*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 program is not disability specific. To learn more about *Wrightslaw*, please see their website at <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

**Register early as seating is limited.** Early pre-registration for DSANV individual members is only \$25, couple is \$40. For registration purposes, 'A couple' are two people living at the same address. Special rate early pre-registration ends on January 10, 2007, after which time the individual fee will be \$35. More details on the registration form.

Included in your registration fee is one copy per individual or couple registrant of *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy - The Special Education Survival Guide, 2nd Edition* (\$19.95 retail value). Lunch for each participant is included.

**About Pat Howey:** Pat Howey is an advocate who has helped parents obtain special education services for their children with disabilities since 1986. She also helps parents resolve special education disputes with their school districts. Pat has a B.A. in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she graduated with honors. She is an active member of the [Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates \(COPAA\)](#). In 2004, the [Learning Disabilities Association of Indiana](#) honored Pat with its Outstanding Service Award for her commitment and compassion towards students with disabilities.

**About DSANV:** Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia (DSANV) is an all-volunteer network of parents. The mission of this organization shall be to ensure that all individuals with Down syndrome and their families receive the support necessary to participate in, contribute to and achieve fulfillment of life in their community.

For questions, please send email to [educationcommittee@dsanv.org](mailto:educationcommittee@dsanv.org) or call 703-621-7129.