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The Institute for Disability Studies  
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# *Wrightslaw Advocacy Training Conference*

*with*

*Wayne Steedman, ESQ and  
Pat Howey, Advocate*

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*Special Education Law and Advocacy  
seminar for parents and professionals  
interested in effective advocacy for students  
with disabilities*

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*Friday, June 22, 2007  
Corey Union Building  
SUNY Cortland  
8:00am - 4:30pm*

*Funding for this conference is available through OMRDD  
and Family Support Services*

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**Wrightslaw Advocacy Training seminars are an invaluable resource for anyone who navigates the complex, special education system on behalf of children with disabilities.**

**Parents, attorneys, educators, health care workers and others will gain greater understanding of the process and will glean up-to-date information allowing them to be more effective when advocating for their children, clients and/or students.**

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## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

**Wayne Steedman** is an attorney and founding partner in the law firm of Callegary & Steedman.

Mr. Steedman's practice is devoted primarily to the representation of children with disabilities. He has represented his clients in administrative due process hearings and state and federal courts.

In addition to a law degree from the University of Maryland, Mr. Steedman has a Masters Degree in Social Work. For several years, he served as a Due Process Hearing Officer in special education cases. He is an active member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates. (COPAA).

**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).

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<b>8:00 - 9:00</b>	Registration & Breakfast
<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	<u>Overview of IDEA 2004</u> findings, purpose, definitions assessments, accommodations
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Break
<b>10:45 - 12:00</b>	<u>IDEA 2004</u> (cont'd) evaluations, IEPs, tests & measures, safeguards... <i>more</i>
<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00 - 2:30</b>	Section 504, No Child Left Behind, SMART IEPs, Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management... <i>more</i>
<b>2:30 - 2:45</b>	Break
<b>2:45 - 4:00</b>	<u>Advocacy Strategies</u> (cont'd) conflict, negotiating, letters & paper trails, organizing files, school meetings: preparation & survival..... <i>more</i>
<b>4:00 - 4:30</b>	Questions and Answers

## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and two texts, Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd ed., & Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd ed.  
(*\$50.00 retail value*)

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(H) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Parent\*/Individual                      \$75

\_\_\_ Couple (one copy of texts)        \$125

\_\_\_ Professional                              \$125

***\*Free registrations available for Cortland County, NY parents of children eligible for OMRDD services. Please call for information.***

Indicate any special needs accommodation/s required: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Resources & Advocacy for Inclusion, PO Box 755, Marathon, NY 13803**

**NO REGISTRATIONS/REFUNDS ACCEPTED AFTER 6/18/07 Substitutes will be permitted.**

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