

*Maine Parent Federation is Bringing Wrightslaw Back to
Maine for Two Information Packed Days!*



Special Education and Advocacy Two-Day Conference

WHEN: April 4 & 5, 2008

WHERE: Keeley the Katerer, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

PROGRAM TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Each Day

In March of 2007, Maine Parent Federation brought Pete Wright to the Bangor area for a one-day conference. Due to the outstanding response from participants, MPF is bringing Pete and his wife Pam back to Maine for two spectacular days! If you are a parent or guardian of a child receiving special education services, or a professional trying to better serve kids with disabilities, you don't want to miss this 2-day training!



About the Presenters: Pete Wright 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*.

Pam Wright is a psychotherapist who has worked with children and families since the early 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.

Pam and Pete Wright are the founders of Wrightslaw, the #1 ranked website about education law, special education law, and special education advocacy. (Alexa rankings)

Your registration fee includes:

- Two books: *Wrightslaw: From Emotion to Advocacy, 2nd Edition* and *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition*. (A \$50.00 Value)
- *Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty*
- Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Break Refreshments
- CEU'S (Fee Applies), GLE's and CLE's Available

For more information contact MPF at 1-800-870-7746 (ask for Penny); visit our website at

www.mpf.org or email psteeves@mpf.org

Program Description:

In a Wrightslaw two-day conference, participants will learn how to use:

- ✓ Special education statutes and regulations to get answers to their questions
- ✓ Tests and measurements to measure educational progress
- ✓ Chart out test scores
- ✓ Write SMART IEP goals
- ✓ Create paper trails and write effective letters
- ✓ Advocacy strategies to negotiate for appropriate special education programs

Tentative Agenda ~ Topic Areas (subject to change):

Day 1: Special Education Laws

- ✓ Introductions, Agenda, Pre-test
- ✓ Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-97) and the Reauthorized IDEA of 2004
- ✓ Section 1400: Findings & Purposes
- ✓ Section 1401: Definitions
- ✓ Section 1412: "Catchall Statute" – Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), ESY, Notice, Statewide Assessments
- ✓ Measuring Progress: Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve
- ✓ Demo: How to Chart Test Scores
- ✓ Section 1414: Evaluations, Consent; Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)
- ✓ Section 1415: Procedural Safeguards - Prior Written Notice, Procedural Safeguards Notice, Mediation, Due Process Hearings, Appeal, Discipline.
- ✓ Section 504: Discrimination, Retaliation, Damages
- ✓ Review and Homework Assignment

Day 2: SMART IEPs, NCLB, Advocacy Strategies

- ✓ Review: Law, Tests & Measurements, Bell Curve
- ✓ No Child Left Behind: Reading, Research Based Instruction; Highly Qualified Teachers; Paraprofessionals; Parent "Right to Know"
- ✓ SMART IEPs
- ✓ Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management; Emotions, Conflict
- ✓ Obstacles to Successful Advocacy; School Culture
- ✓ Rule of Adverse Assumptions
- ✓ Hazards of Litigation & Outcome Prediction
- ✓ Comprehensive Evaluations
- ✓ Negotiating; Paper Trails & Letters
- ✓ School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies

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**Registration for the Maine Parent Federation Sponsored
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April 4 & 5, 2008**

Maine Parent Federation is pleased to invite you to join us at Keeley the Katerer in Portland, Maine for this exciting 2-day conference. Maine Parent Federation is a private non-profit organization that has been serving families and professionals since 1984.

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2008

Pre-registration is required.

Please mail your completed registration form and payment to: (Make checks payable to Maine Parent Federation)

**Maine Parent Federation
Attn: Penny
PO Box 2067, Augusta, Maine 04338-2067**

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail: (Please print clearly) _____

Additional Registration from same organization or family:

Name: _____

Email: (Please print clearly) _____ Phone: _____

Special accommodations, modifications, dietary needs: _____

Your Registration Fee Includes Wrightslaw publications: From Emotions to Advocacy and Special Education Law as well as continental breakfast, breaks and lunch:

Registration Fees for Parents, Primary Caregivers and Families

Individual: ___ \$100 (Early Bird discount-Register by March 15) ___ \$125 (After March 15)

Couples: ___ \$125 (Early Bird discount-Register by March 15) ___ \$175 (After March 15)

MPF is offering partial scholarships for parents, primary caregivers and families on a first come, first serve basis. Check here to request a scholarship and enclose your discounted fee.

Individual Fee after Scholarship: ___ \$ 25 **Couples Fee after Scholarship:** ___ \$ 50

Registration Fees for Educators, Providers and other Professionals

Professionals: ___ \$150 (Early Bird discount-Register by March 15) ___ \$175 (After March 15)

Additional Person(s)

From Same Agency: ___ \$ 75 (Early Bird discount-Register by March 15) ___ \$ 90 (After March 15)

MPF Members may deduct \$10 from their registration fee

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You will receive confirmation of your registration.