

# One Tip From A Wright's Special Education Law Advocacy Seminar Saved Me Over \$3,000

I realize that sounds like a gimmicky sales line but it's the honest truth. I've been a committed Wrightslaw website fan since my son was three years old and have attended a number of his conferences in person and there has been no better tool for helping me prepare for and advocate for my son than Mr. Wrights and his resources. From explaining what the law says (and even more importantly what it means) to how to advocate (which means both what to say and do and what not to do or say) Mr. Wrights knowledge and experience has been price less in helping my child work through the bureaucracy of the school system and the Special Education system. That's why my wife and I felt we needed to make the commitment to bring a Wrightslaw seminar to the SE Michigan area.

If you have a child in school—or about to start school—who's having trouble (or getting into trouble) you owe it to yourself and your child to make it to this conference. While it is a Special Education Law conference it's not only limited to children who are "in Special Education". Whether your child needs more intensive help at school (special education programs, speech therapy, occupational therapy, resource room help, one-to-one aides) or they're having a hard time and falling further and further behind or you're facing serious behavioral problems at school this seminar will help you understand what to do and how to do it. It will also help you to understand what resources are available to you through the school system and what the school's can and cannot say or do.

Though his schedule was originally booked and he wasn't adding conferences Mr. Wright graciously agreed to add this conference to his schedule so don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Mr. Wright in a rare Michigan appearance.

Wondering what that tip was? It's actually a little known right that you have that allows you to have evaluations (Speech, OT, Psychological, Neuropsychological, Academic, etc.) done for you child by non-school evaluators. Now, that's probably not news, however, did you know that you can have these outside evaluations done and have the school pays for it? This tip and many other laws, regulations, techniques and ideas will be discussed at the April 23rd conference so get your tickets today and we'll see you on the 23rd.

Thanks — Steve Bockmann, Founder, Great Expectations Speech, Sensory Integration and Learning Center

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### Price Includes The Following Textbooks

- *Wrightslaw Special Ed Law Book, 2nd Edition - Retail Price - \$29.95*
- *Wrightslaw: From Emotions To Advocacy - Retail Price - \$19.95*

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## Special Education Law & Your Child's Rights

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# Don't Be Surprised If Your School Suddenly Schedules Your IEP For April 23rd

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# The School Says They'd Love To Help Your Child ~ But They Just Don't Have The Resources.....

*Can they use that line to get themselves off the hook?  
The answer is—NO. Do they know that—YES, but they hope you don't.*

If you've ever heard this "reason" or any of its many cousins and you're battling it out with your school to try to get services or help for your child please contact us and reserve yourself a seat at the April 23rd Wrightslaw Advocacy Training Conference.

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Presented By Supreme Court Winning Lawyer & U.S. Special Ed Law Expert

**Peter Wright, Esq.**



**P**eter Wright is a practicing attorney and a nationally recognized expert in Special Education Law who represents children with special educational needs. In 1993 Mr. Wright successfully represented Shannon Carter before the US Supreme Court in a unanimous decision in *Florence County v. Shannon Carter*; a case widely recognized as one of the most important landmark cases in modern education and special education law history.

In addition to his law practice, Peter is also a nationally recognized expert and speaker in Special Education law who trains both lawyers and parents in how to navigate the legal system and bureaucratic red tape of the schools. His award winning legal information and advocacy website ([www.Wrightslaw.com](http://www.Wrightslaw.com)) is the leader in online special education law and his resource, law and advocacy books are the most thorough guides on the market.

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