

# The Autism Society Of Boulder County

Promoting Education & Awareness

Presents:

**Wrightslaw**

## "From Emotions to Advocacy"

**October 2nd, 2010**

**8:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**A Spice of Life Event Center**

Located at the Flatirons Golf Course  
5706 Arapahoe Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80303

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**SPEAKER**

## Pat Howey, Paralegal and Advocate

Pat Howey is a legal 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. Summa Cum Laude in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

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.

## Agenda

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:30 Introductions

Section 1: Getting Started

Creating the Advocate's IEP, the Master Plan

Goals and Strategies for the Advocate

The Parent as Project Manager

Advocacy 101: Learning the Rules of the Game

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00

- Obstacles to Success, Resolving Parent/School Conflicts, Emergency, Crisis, Help Evaluations and Your Child's Disability
- Tests and Measurements 101

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**Included by A Spice of Life Catering**

1:00-2:30 The Bell Curve

- Charting Test Scores
  - Smart IEPs
- NCLB No Child Left Behind Overview of IDEA
  - Findings
  - Purposes
  - Definitions

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- No Child Left Behind

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 Rules of Adverse Assumptions

- Taming the Paper Trail
    - Documenting and Writing Letters
  - Using the "Letter to a Stranger" Strategy
- IEP Meeting Strategies and Common Problems
- Putting it all together
    - Paper Trails
  - The Letter to the Stranger

4:00-4:30 Q & A

**\*Registration online\***

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