The Autism Society Of Boulder County
Promoting Education & Awareness
Presents:

“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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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*
www.autismboulder.org/conference.php