

Registration Form

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- DSRG Member
- Family Member
- Professional

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Wrightslaw “Bootcamp”



Special Education Law & Educational Advocacy Training

**Friday, April 6, 2012 &
Saturday, April 7, 2012**

8am – 4:30 pm

**Baystate Education
Conference Center, 361 Whitney Ave.,
Holyoke MA**

sponsored by

The Down Syndrome Resource Group
(a program of the Association for Community Living)

&

Baystate Children’s Hospital

Conference Schedule

Day 1: Special Education Laws

8:00-9:00 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:30

- Introductions, Agenda, Pre-test
- Overview: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-97) and the Reauthorized IDEA of 2004

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-12:00 - IDEA (con't)

- Section 1400: Findings & Purposes
- Section 1401: Definitions
- Section 1412: "Catchall Statute" – Least Restrictive Environment
- (LRE), ESY, Notice, Statewide Assessments
- Review

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:30

- Measuring Progress: Tests & Measurements & the Bell Curve Demo: How to Chart Test Scores
- Section 1414: Evaluations, Consent
- Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)

2:30-2:45 - Break

2:45-4:00

- 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

4:00-4:30 - Questions and Answers

Day 2: SMART IEPs, NCLB, Advocacy Strategies

9:00-10:30

- Review: Law, Tests & Measurements, Bell Curve
- No Child Left Behind: Reading, Research Based Instruction
- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Parent "Right to Know"
- SMART IEPs

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-12:00 - SMART IEPs (cont'd)

12:00-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:30 - Advocacy Strategies, Crisis Management

- Emotions, Conflict
- Obstacles to Successful Advocacy
- School Culture
- Rule of Adverse Assumptions

2:30-2:45 - Break

2:45-4:00 - Advocacy Strategies (con't)

- Hazards of Litigation & Outcome Prediction
- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Negotiating: Paper Trails & Letters
- School Meetings: Preparation & Survival Strategies

4:00-4:30 - Questions and Answers

Program Description

Participants will learn about changes in IDEA 2004 including:

- Requirements for initial evaluations, reevaluations & parental consent
- Requirements for IEPs, IEP goals, IEP teams, IEP meetings
- Eligibility issues for students with specific learning disabilities
- Procedural requirements and timelines, including the "Due Process Complaint Notice" and "Resolution (IEP) Session."

Participants will learn about requirements in No Child Left Behind including:

- Reading and research based instruction
- Highly qualified teachers
- Parental rights and options
- High stakes testing

Participants will also learn how to:

- Use tests and measurements to measure progress
- Write SMART IEPs
- Use tactics and strategies for effective advocacy

Costs

DSRG Member: **\$75.00** early bird - **\$95.00** after 1/31/12

(limited scholarships available for DSRG members)

Family Member of Child w/Special Education needs : **\$100.00** early bird **\$120.00** after 1/31/12

Professional: **\$175.00** early bird (including CEU) after 1/31/12 **\$195.00**