

WRIGHTSLAW: FROM EMOTIONS TO ADVOCACY
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007
REGISTRATION: 8:30AM-9:00AM
SEMINAR: 9:00AM-4:30PM
***REGISTRATION FEE APPLIES (SEE BELOW)*

Parent advocate Pat Howey teaches you how to take an active role in managing your child's special education, the gentle art of disagreeing, and how to maintain healthy working relationships with the school.

You will learn:

- ◆ How to assess your child's strengths and needs
- ◆ How to prepare a Parent Report for the IEP team
- ◆ How to build healthy working relationships with school personnel
- ◆ How to document information that may prevent or resolve disputes
- ◆ How to participate as an equal member of your child's IEP team

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

◆ **Pat Howey:** Pat is an advocate who has worked with families since 1986, helping parents obtain special education services and resolve special education disputes with their school districts. Pat writes articles for *Ask the Advocate* and holds a B.A. in Paralegal Studies from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where she graduated with honors. She is active in the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) and was honored in 2004 with an outstanding service award from the Learning Disabilities Association of Indiana for her commitment and compassion towards students with disabilities.

**** Please note that a charge of \$30.00 applies to this seminar, which includes lunch and seminar textbook (Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd edition. Retail: \$19.95).**

THIS SEMINAR LOCATED AT:
ARAMARK CONFERENCE CENTER
2300 WARRENVILLE ROAD
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515
630-271-2683

This seminar is sponsored by Burthe, Mahoney & Wise, LLC in conjunction with the Topfer Family Foundation.

PLANNING YOUR VACATION: TIPS FOR TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007
7:00-9:00PM

A vacation should free you from stress and grant enjoyment to everyone who travels. Come and hear expert travel planner Lisa Hartlage share the secrets to traveling alongside persons with disabilities without breaking your budget. You will learn the top places to go and the destinations to avoid. You will find beaches with easy access, resorts with vacation nannies, and examine activities that suit different interests and needs. Lisa will share advice on tackling Disney and advise you on where to stay and how to navigate the parks. Discover tips for traveling by airplane, ship or car. Lisa's background in children with disabilities lends for easy and candid discussions. Everyone who attends will receive a discount on booking travel with the Change of Scene agency. (www.changeofscene.com)

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

◆ **Lisa Hartlage:** Happily married for ten years, Lisa is the mother of three young boys, including twin six-year-olds with Asperger Syndrome. Before earning her degree in Travel and Tourism and opening the Change of Scene travel agency, Lisa taught elementary school and served as an elementary school principal. At Change of Scene, Lisa plans dream vacations and honeymoons for singles, couples, and families and plans trips for corporate meetings. She can be contacted at 630-941-0355 or at lisa@changeofscene.com.

FAMILY RESOURCE OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007
2:00-6:00PM

Please join us for this open house featuring agencies that are available to provide services to you and your family. Invited agencies include the Department of Human Services, Ray Graham, PACT, Suburban Access, Extended Home Living, DuPage Center for Independent Living, Coach House, Bednorz Children's Respite Center, UCP, Department of Rehabilitation Services, DSCC, Mobility Works, and special recreation programs including NEDSRA, WDSRA and SEASPAR.

ABOVE TWO SEMINARS LOCATED AT:
EASTER SEALS DUPAGE AND THE FOX VALLEY REGION
830 SOUTH ADDISON AVENUE
VILLA PARK, IL 60181

**** ABOVE TWO SEMINARS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. ****

Registration Information

WRIGHTSLAW: FROM EMOTIONS TO ADVOCACY
Please complete this form and mail with check or money order for \$30.00 payable to:
Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region
Attn: Sharon Pike
830 South Addison Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

Registration fee includes lunch and seminar textbook. Space is limited - please register early.
Registration deadline: March 1, 2007
Cancellations must be in writing and will incur a \$10 processing fee. No refunds granted after March 1, 2007.

Turkey Sandwich Vegetarian

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To register please contact our Parent Liaison:

SHARON PIKE:
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spike@eastersealsdvr.org

Light refreshments will be provided.