

EDUCATION/PARENTING

Your Complete Guide to Special Education Advocacy

Are you beginning to advocate for a child with a disability? Are you confused and overwhelmed at school meetings? Are your emotions interfering with your ability to advocate for your child? Are you an experienced advocate who needs a good reference book?

In *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy*, Pete and Pam Wright teach you how to plan, prepare, organize—and get quality special education services. In this comprehensive, easy-to-read book, you learn about—

- Your child's disability and educational needs
- Creating a simple method for organizing your child's file
- Devising a master plan for your child's special education
- Roles of experts: consultants and independent evaluators
- Writing SMART IEP goals and objectives
- Using test scores to monitor your child's progress
- Understanding parent-school conflict – why it is inevitable and how to resolve it
- Creating paper trails; writing effective letters
- Writing persuasive "Letters to the Stranger"
- Using worksheets, agendas, and thank you letters
- Strategies to improve meeting outcomes
- Negotiating for special education services

This practical, user-friendly book includes hundreds of strategies, tips, references, warnings, and Internet resources. Use the appendices to find contact information for hundreds of disabilities information groups, parent training and information groups, state departments of education, and legal and advocacy organizations.

Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy includes dozens of worksheets, forms, and sample letters that you can tailor to your needs. Visit the companion web site at www.fetaweb.com for up-to-date legal and advocacy information.

About the Authors: Pete and Pam Wright, best-selling authors of *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law*, provide informative and inspirational advice about special education law and advocacy through the Wrightslaw site at www.wrightslaw.com.

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Whether you are new to special education or an experienced advocate, *Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy* provides a clear roadmap to effective advocacy for your child. You will use this book again and again.



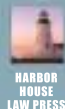
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