

The New Wyatt Special Education Advocacy Training Model:

- A webinar based course provided by PWSA to train and equip parents/guardians in the PWS community with the information, skills and tools to be more effective special education advocates for their children.
- The course will consist of three online training modules each two hours in length:
 - **Module one** will cover IDEA + 504 laws so that participants understand the basics concepts of special education law and the history of special education in the United States
 - **Module Two** will equip parents cover how to be an effective advocate by providing participants with practical tools and strategies for working with schools and school professionals.
 - **Module Three** will cover how to address the specific needs and challenges students with PWS face in a school setting.
- Speakers will be knowledgeable members of the PWS and special education community – including the PWSA (USA) Special Education Advocacy Board (SEAB) and graduates of the 2013 WSEAT.
- Any parent will be able to attend the course **free of charge** – and this can include parents/guardians who only wish to complete one of the modules. However, if a parent/guardian completes all three modules they will receive a certificate of completion and additional advocacy support materials. All parents/guardians who complete at least one module will receive a free copy of the book, Emotions to Advocacy, written by Wrights Law which is a comprehensive tool box of school materials for parent advocates.
- **The live course will take place over the months of June, July and August of 2016.** Once the live course is completed recordings of each module will be available 24/7 throughout the year for parents to utilize for training – receiving the same content and resources as those who are able to attend the live courses.

Benefits of this Model

- Able to address an unlimited audience of people interested in special education advocacy in the PWS community.
- Provides a tangible tool for state chapters to utilize by referring parents to the training and potentially utilizing recorded modules for trainings locally at chapter meetings or other gatherings.
- Available for school professionals who would like to learn more about how to effectively and appropriately serve students with PWS.

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