

The Recent Supreme Court Decision Forest Grove v. TA: Opportunities and Implications for Students with Disabilities

The recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision, *Forest Grove School District v. T.A.*, allows reimbursement for private special education services, even when the student did not previously receive special education services from the public school. This decision is likely to have major implications within special education.

Ira M. Fingles, Esq. will describe the decision and its implications for students whose needs may have been overlooked by the public school, including those with Specific Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Aspergers syndrome, and others. He will discuss what parents can do if they believe their child's needs are not being properly addressed by the public school system, and how to advocate on their child's behalf.

Dr. Steven Gordon will discuss the important role of assessments and evaluations, Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP), which are often the center of disputes and disagreements. He will describe the best practices associated with these methods. A question and answer period will follow.

This workshop is designed for parents, public and private school administrators, child study team members, and teachers. There is no charge, but registration is requested. Please call Sophia at (732) 873-1212.

October 27

Hillsborough, New Jersey 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Days Inn

118 Route 206 South, Hillsborough, NJ

November 4

Freehold, New Jersey 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

50 Gibson Place, Freehold, NJ

November 12

Yardley, Pennsylvania 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Yardley Community Center

64 S. Main St. Yardley, PA

About the Presenters

Steven B. Gordon, Ph.D., ABPP is a licensed clinical psychologist. Thirty years ago, he founded Behavior Therapy Associates, a private group practice that provides clinical services, consultation and training to families, individuals, agencies and school districts, using evidence-based approaches. He has co-authored three books, published numerous articles, and presented papers at local and national conferences. For more information, visit <http://www.behaviortherapyassociates.com/>

Ira M. Fingles, Esq. is a partner at Hinkle, Fingles & Prior, a multi-state law firm with more than eighty years of combined experience providing expert counsel and legal services to families of people with disabilities. He has argued precedent-setting cases in federal and state court, and before administrative agencies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He has written extensively on topics related to disability law and has presented to disability groups across the nation. For more information, visit www.hinkle1.com.

