

Tips for how to use PWSA (USA)'s Wyatt Special Education Advocacy Training (WSEAT)

For PWSA (USA) Chapter Leaders

We hope chapter leaders will let every parent of a school aged child with PWS know about the WSEAT. The WSEAT is designed to be a one stop shop where parents can learn about the special education system and special education advocacy. This comprehensive online special education resource will help equip chapter leaders to manage the special education questions/needs of chapter members. There is no other training like it in the rare genetic disease community. Some ways to use the WSEAT:

- At chapter meetings/gathering as a group or as a breakout session view and discuss one of the modules of interest.
- Encourage small groups in your chapter to meet, view, and discuss modules together.
- Include information about the WSEAT in your chapter newsletter, blogs and other social media outlets. This can be done by sharing information about the whole training or a specific module.
- Don't forget the WSEAT has many downloadable resources attached to each module. Attach one of these resources to an e-mail going to chapter members as an example of what the WSEAT offers.
- One great feature of the WSEAT is any parent can order a free copy of the Wrightslaw book, "Emotions to Advocacy", if they do not have one. This book is a tremendous resource every parent should have in their advocacy library.
- If you are contacted by a chapter member about school issues recommend the parent:
 1. Contact PWSA (USA) to speak to a Family Support Counselor for assistance.
 2. Visit the WSEAT site to view the training modules, review the resources available, and order a free copy of Emotions to Advocacy if they do not have one.