

**SEACOM** (Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead)  
announces the following workshop:

**How to Communicate Positively with Public School Personnel  
And  
How to Document Your Communications**

Featured Speaker: Attorney Clare Vann

Monday January 14, 2008 7:00-8:30pm

Marblehead Veterans Middle School Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
217 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA

Ms. Vann will speak on topics including:

- How you can get school personnel to pay attention to your concerns
- What it means to communicate positively with school personnel
- The kinds of information you should communicate to school personnel
- How to document communications with school personnel

Attorney Vann, who has family members with a variety of disabilities, first began working to help disabled children and their families in 1981 as a volunteer at the Federation for Children with Special Needs in Boston.

She later became an advocacy consultant for the Federation for Children with Special Needs. In that position, she trained parents in their rights under special education law, helped to teach the Federation advocacy training course, advised new advocates about how to handle their cases, and wrote training materials. While working at the Federation, Ms. Vann also worked as a special education advocate herself.

Ms. Vann has been a trial attorney since 1986 and has extensive trial experience. The only kinds of cases she handles are special education cases as these cases mean so much to her. She frequently provides training to parents.

SEACOM is a state mandated parent volunteer organization that acts as a resource and advisor to parents of children with special needs and the Marblehead Public Schools. We are committed to forming a fun, supportive, and educational group. For more information about SEACOM, visit our website at [www.seacomonline.org](http://www.seacomonline.org).