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THE SIBLING LEADERSHIP NETWORK



SETTING AN AGENDA FOR ADVOCACY, RESEARCH, AND POLICY

AUCD Pre-Conference
 November 9-10, 2007



The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities



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WELCOME TO THE SIBLING LEADERSHIP NETWORK

In the United States alone, there are millions of siblings of people with disabilities. Despite the ever-changing roles they will assume in the lives of their siblings with special needs, there is relatively little research on siblings and their concerns. The Sibling Leadership Network is interested in research that investigates resilience, support opportunities, and life choices across the lifespan. We realize that the sibling relationship is a two-way street; consequently, we want to explore the sibling relationship from the perspectives of sibs with as well as without disabilities.

This meeting will be a conversation among siblings, researchers, service providers, and policymakers. The goal of the meeting is to translate the results of this conversation into a plan of action. During this time, we'll ratify the Sibling Leadership Network's mission and values, discuss siblings' concerns with researchers and policymakers, and learn what current research reveals about brothers and sisters. Finally, we'll develop an action plan and a white paper on sibling issues, policy recommendations, and a research agenda.

Whether you are a sibling, a service provider, a researcher, or a policymaker, we hope you'll join us for this exciting, historical event!

-The Sibling Leadership Network

Sibling Leadership Network Purpose:

The purpose of the Sibling Leadership Network is to promote a broad network of siblings who share the experience of disability and people concerned with sibling issues by connecting them to social, emotional, governmental and provisional supports across the lifespan to enable them to be effective advocates with their brothers and sisters, themselves and their families and empower them to be change agents.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00-10:30 Introductory Remarks

- Overview: *Tamar Heller and Ann Kaiser*
- Introductions: *Don Meyer*
- Opening Remarks
- *Doreen Croser*
- *Patricia Morrissey*

10:45- 11:45 Sibling Leadership Network

Tom Fish & John Kramer

Moderator: Derrick Dufresne

- Review and ratify SLN:

1. *Description*
2. *Mission Statement*
3. *Purpose*
4. *Core values*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Sibling Research Across the Lifespan

Moderators: Ann Kaiser and Tamar Heller

Discussant: Lorraine Masters-Glidden

- *Issues in Childhood: Zolinda Stoneman*
- *Issues in Adolescence: Gael Orsmond*
- *Issues in Adulthood: Bob Hodapp and Marsha Seltzer*
- *Examining future planning issues: Tamar Heller and John Kramer*
- *Impact of Sibshops: Susan Sandall and Don Meyer*

3:15-4:00 Developing a National Research Agenda

Moderator: Derrick Dufresne

Federal Agency Perspectives on Research

- *Alice Kau*
- *Margaret Campbell*
- *Margaret Giannini*

4:15-5:00 Developing a National Research Agenda

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30-9:00 International Roundtable

Moderators: Yona Lunskey and Angela Dew

9:00-11:15 Leaders' Perspective on Policy

Panel of leaders from national organizations serving people with disabilities

Moderator: Derrick Dufresne

- *Sue Swenson*
- *Beth Finkelstein*
- *Marvin Moss*
- *Joe Caldwell and Kim Musheno*

11:15-12:00 Developing National Policy Agenda

Moderator: Derrick Dufresne

- *Educate lawmakers, policymakers, and bureaucrats about siblings*
- *Develop sibling policy agenda*
- *Incorporate siblings into family policy*
- *Aging for persons with developmental disabilities and siblings*

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break

1:00-3:30 Developing Action Strategy

In this meeting we will develop a...

- *white paper on sibling issues and policies*
- *press release to disseminate at the end of the meeting*
- *plan for developing statewide sibling leadership initiatives*

Sibling Leadership Network Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sibling Leadership Network is to provide siblings of individuals with disabilities the information, support and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and to promote the issues important to them and their entire families.