

# SIBLING LEADERSHIP NETWORK

## Providing Siblings of People with Disabilities with Information and Support

### Core Values

We believe:

- Individuals with developmental disabilities have the same rights as all members of society to dignity, respect and the opportunity to grow and to be productive members of their communities.
- Siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities can have a powerful, positive impact on their siblings' experiences, and are uniquely positioned to help ensure their present and future care in partnership with service organizations and government.
- In promoting the rights of our brothers and sisters, and of all individuals with developmental disabilities. We are committed to advocating for policies and services that meet their needs.
- That siblings can be of great support to one another to enhance both our lives and the lives of our siblings.



For more information, visit [www.siblingleadership.org](http://www.siblingleadership.org) or contact [info@siblingleadership.org](mailto:info@siblingleadership.org)

### Accomplishments

- Connected siblings and professionals at three international conferences in 2007, 2008 & 2010
- Strengthened state chapters of the SLN in IL, NY, OH, OK, TN, WI and continue to support new state chapters to develop
- Ratified the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) mission & values
- Discussed sibling concerns with researchers and policymakers
- Initiated three workgroups that resulted in a policy white paper to implement an action plan and recommendations on policy and advocacy, research, and services and supports
- Developed an organizational and leadership structure
- Signed on in support of policies in 2009 and identified policy priorities in 2010
- Partnered with Self Advocates Becoming Empowered—SABE
- Met with legislators including Senators Kennedy and Brown
- Involved in Obama's Disability Policy Committee
- Received support through A National Gateway to Self-Determination grant as well as the Ohio and Utah DD Councils
- Presented on sibling research and concerns around the country and the world
- Published sibling research articles in peer-reviewed journals