

2020 Sibling Symposium Resource List

Siblings with a Mission

Website: www.siblingswithamission.org



Siblings with a Mission is an international organization dedicated to serve and support siblings of individuals with special needs and their families. We offer support to both siblings and sibling supporters through our online story column where siblings and families can exchange stories and share insights with others, a resource center where families can connect with other organizations, and sibling workshops that we host around the country. We also have a chat and forum group where siblings can communicate with others. It's all about supporting families and spreading hope, one story at a time. To learn more about Siblings with a Mission, please visit www.siblingswithamission.org. To receive our stories and updates, please become a member for free by filling out our online form at <http://www.siblingswithamission.org/become-a-member.html>.

Please "like us" on Facebook as well. Join us on our mission today!

Sibling Leadership Network

Website: <http://siblingleadership.org/>



The Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) is dedicated to providing 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. The SLN provides information and resources to help families of individuals with disabilities navigate the needs of all members across the lifespan, shares research findings related to siblings, and builds a passionate and informed community of advocates for better policies for people with disabilities and their loved ones. Founded in 2007, the SLN is a national nonprofit with state chapters committed to strengthening the voices of siblings of people with disabilities in the areas of services, policy and advocacy. For more information, visit www.siblingleadership.org.

Ohio SIBS

Website: <http://ohiosibs.org/>



It is the Mission of Ohio SIBS to be recognized as the unified voice and partner for Ohio adult siblings of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Ohio SIBS will provide advocacy, education, leadership and supports that will promote enhanced quality of life, improved public policy and increased services and supports for adult siblings (of people with developmental disabilities) and their families.

A Kid Again

Website: <https://akidagain.org/>



A Kid Again improves the lives of families with children battling life-threatening illnesses. We give the entire family, including siblings, breaks from the illness through multiple, group outings each year to fun local venues such as Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Zoo, Holiday Party at Matthew 25: Ministries, Kings Island, and Scene 75 Arcade. Siblings are always welcome, even if the ill child is unable to attend. Siblings are treated the same as the sick children, including receiving gifts at our annual Holiday Party. Families may participate until the ill child turns 20 years old, with sibling participation also through age 20. The ongoing nature of the program gives the entire family events to look forward to together throughout each year and over the years, and families have regular opportunities to interact with other families who understand similar challenges.

NAMI Southwest Ohio

Website: <https://namiswoh.org/>



NAMI Southwest Ohio is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health education, support, and advocacy organization. We are dedicated to building better lives for of families and individuals affected by mental illness in the Southwest Ohio region.

We provide an immediate roadmap to help when people call our office. In addition to connecting them to resources within the community we offer support groups, classes, and community and school presentations such as In Our Own Voice and Ending the Silence. Audience members have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about an often-misunderstood topic. All our programs are offered at no cost to participants.

UCCEDD/LEND

Website: www.uccedd.org/



The University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD) believes that people with disabilities should and can be active, included, and fully participating members of their communities. UCCEDD works with self-advocates, their family members, professionals, researchers, and policy makers to change perceptions and remove barriers for people with disabilities. UCCEDD is a leader in working with and on behalf of children and adults with disabilities and their families so they can lead the lives they want. UCCEDD accomplishes its mission through education, training, research, impacting on policy, and sharing information.

The Cincinnati LEND Program is part of a national network of 52 programs across the country. LEND programs share an overall mission of improving the health of infants, children, and adolescents with, or at risk for, neurodevelopmental and related disabilities including autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). A major focus of LEND is increasing the number of professionals with knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based screening, diagnosis, and treatment of developmental disabilities, including ASD. LEND trainees are individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities, practicing professionals or graduate students. For more information, please email LENDTraining@cchmc.org or contact Dr. Stephanie Weber, LEND Training Director, at stephanie.weber@cchmc.org.

Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services

Website: <http://hamiltondds.org/>



HAMILTON COUNTY
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SERVICES

Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services is a government social services agency established by state law. We support more than 7,300 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout their lives, from babies through seniors, by providing case management, monitoring service quality, and funding services provided by our community partners.

We treat each person we serve as a unique individual and connect them to services to reflect the life they want. By collaborating with more than 800 certified providers, we're able to support people to live a life that is important and meaningful to them, on their own terms.

Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Website: <http://clermontdd.org/>



CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD
of Developmental Disabilities

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities serves children and adults who have developmental disabilities, ages birth through retirement. Their mission is to help those they serve expand capabilities and navigate the possibilities.

Social Security

Website: www.ssa.gov



Securing today
and tomorrow

Social Security's (SSA) mission is to deliver quality Social Security services to the public.

SSA will maintain a strong level of performance on core workloads and work toward long-term improvement of our service to the public by concentrating on three goals:

- ◆ Deliver Services Effectively,
- ◆ Improve the Way We Do Business, and
- ◆ Ensure Stewardship.

Sibling Support Project

Website: <http://www.siblingsupport.org/>



The Sibling Support Project is a national program dedicated to the life-long concerns of brothers and sisters of people who have special health, developmental, or mental health concerns. This organization provides many books, online support groups (SibTeen, Sib20, and SibNet), and workshops (Sibshops) for siblings of all ages and all backgrounds.

Massachusetts Sibling Support Network

Website: <https://masiblingsupport.org/>



The Massachusetts Sibling Support Network (MSSN) supports siblings of people with disabilities across the lifespan. The MSSN hosts events in Massachusetts for siblings to connect with each other, educational presentations about siblings' experiences, an online resource database, and more.

Courageous Parents Network

Website:

<https://courageousparentsnetwork.org/>



The Courageous Parents Network is a nonprofit organization, created by parents, for parents of seriously ill children, and by the providers who care for them, with oversight from professional advisory boards. The Courageous Parents Network connects and provides support to families through online discussion forums, a blog, presentations, and advocacy projects.

College Scholarships for Siblings:

There are many external college scholarships to support siblings who have brothers and sisters with complex health conditions. First, check out and create a free account on Fastweb (<https://www.fastweb.com/>), which is a database of scholarships to help you search for scholarships.

Siblings of Autism (<https://siblingsofautism.org/>) provides scholarships for education and other defined needs for siblings of people on the autism spectrum. The Knapp & Roberts Foundation (<https://www.knappandrobarts.com/giving-back/>) has provided scholarships for siblings of people with special needs.