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AdultSIBSNet-

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AdultSIBSNet>

AND

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SIBS Network

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Supporting
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"Stronger Together"

Supporting Illinois Brothers & Sisters, S.I.B.S., is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide support to siblings of people with disabilities in Illinois by connecting them with information, networking opportunities, and resources in order to enhance the quality of life for their entire families.

www.sibsnetwork.org



S.I.B.S. began with the dream of one sibling and grew into an established Illinois non-profit organization. While support and advocacy has focused on parents and people with disabilities, siblings have often been left out of the conversation. Siblings play an important role in the lives of their brothers and sisters with disabilities and have their own unique needs that should be discussed and addressed.

S.I.B.S. Purpose

- **S.I.B.S. provides support for siblings of individuals with disabilities in Illinois through various activities and resources designed to**
- **1) provide opportunities for siblings to connect personally with one another;**
- **2) provide access to information of specific importance to siblings, including resources on future planning and community support;**
- **3) educate agencies, parents, and the public regarding the unique needs of siblings and the importance of sibling support; and**
- **4) provide siblings with the necessary tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters**

What We Do

We are an active and vibrant network that supports siblings of people with disabilities by connecting them with resources including:



Sibling Connections –

We connect Illinois siblings through social networking opportunities, educational events, and online resources such as Facebook and AdultSibsNet listserv.

Leadership, Outreach and Advocacy –

We promote leadership opportunities for siblings in the community. We welcome opportunities to present on sibling issues at conferences at the state, national, and international levels. We partner with organizations such as The Arc of Illinois and the Sibling Leadership Network.

Information and Education –

We provide siblings, families, and service providers with information and resources on topics of special importance to siblings, including future planning, navigating the service system in Illinois, and understanding our own needs as siblings.

Sibshop Facilitator Network –

We provide families of younger siblings with referrals to certified Sibshops in their communities, and connect individuals interested in becoming Sibshop facilitators with opportunities for training and certification.

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Core Values

As a chapter of the national Sibling Leadership Network (siblingleadership.org) we believe the following:

- Individuals with 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 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 disabilities, we are committed to advocating for policies and services that meet their needs.
- Siblings can be of great support to one another to enhance both our lives and the lives of our siblings

