

Register Today!

Brothers and Sisters of People with Special Needs: Too Important to Ignore



TRAINING

Oct 31/Nov 1, 2009

The North Shore Arc will sponsor workshops conducted by **Don Meyer**, Director of the Sibling Support Project and **creator of the Sibshop model** on Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1, 2009. The Sibling Support Project is the national leader in providing training and education on sibling issues and programs.

You Will Learn:

- What to do about the concerns often experienced by brothers and sisters: peer issues, resentment, loss, and concerns about the future (just to name a few!)
- How to increase the unique opportunities often experienced by siblings, including compassion, advocacy, insight, and tolerance
- Strategies to decrease siblings' concerns and increase their opportunities
- How to help your agency or organization provide "sibling-friendly" services
- How to plan and run Sibshops, the award-winning, kid-friendly mix of peer support and recreation

What are Sibshops?

Sibshops are pedal-to-the-metal celebrations of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, others a not-so-good thing, and for many, somewhere in-between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another--if they are given a chance. Sibshops are a spirited mix of new games (designed to be unique, off-beat, and appealing to a wide ability range), new friends, and discussion activities. There are now over 200 Sibshops in 45 states. Spend some time with the guy who started it all!

Who Should Attend?

These workshops are open to family members, teachers, psychologists, social workers, and other service providers interested in learning more about issues faced by siblings, as well as by those who want to start a local Sibshop. Please note: individuals wishing to attend *Workshops on Starting Your Own Sibshop* should also plan on attending the *Workshops on the Life-long Issues Faced by Brothers and Sisters*.



TRAINING REGISTRATION

Location: Center for Developmental Excellence
6 Southside Rd., Danvers, MA
Date: Oct 31/Nov 1, 2009

(Check one or both workshops you wish to attend)

Workshops on the Life-Long Issues Faced by Brothers and Sisters...

- **Brothers and Sisters of People with Special Needs: Unusual Concerns, Unusual Opportunities** Saturday, October 31, 2009, 9 am-noon
- **A Panel of Brothers and Sisters.** Saturday, October 31, 2009, 1 -2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$50 (Sat, 9AM-2:30PM only)

Workshops on Starting Your Own Sibshop...Please note: registrants for this workshop should also plan on attending the previous workshop

- **Sibshops: Getting Started.** Saturday, October 31, 2009, 2:45 -4 p.m.
- **Demonstration Sibshop.** Sunday, November 1, 2009, 9 am-3 p.m.
Fee: \$125 (includes the Workshops on Life-Long Issues, above)

I would like my 8-to-13 year-old child to attend the Demonstration Sibshop led by Don Meyer, founder of the Sibshop curriculum. I understand that children attend the Demonstration Sibshop from 10 am until 2 p.m. FREE. Child's Name and Age: _____
(you will be contacted to confirm your child's enrollment)

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Organization (if applicable): _____
Street Address: _____
City/Town: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
e-mail address: _____



For an additional \$10 we will order you a **box lunch** from Panera Bread to be delivered to you at the training:

- Lunch –Saturday \$10.00**
Chicken or Vegetarian: (circle one)
- Lunch –Sunday \$10.00**
Chicken or Vegetarian: (circle one)

Total Registration Fee, inclusive of lunch

Check made out to the **North Shore Arc**, and mailed-
Attention: Louann Larson
6 Southside Road, Danvers, MA 01923

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LOUANN LARSON AT 978-624-2328,
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