



As a sibling, I have found the network to be an amazing support and resource. My parents and my four siblings have joined the network and have commented on how helpful it has been. I truly believe that everyone benefits from the Sibling Leadership Network and I encourage you to join today!

-Katie Arnold, Executive Director

The SLN has three focus areas:

◆ Services and Supports

Peer support and education for siblings

◆ Policy and Advocacy

Including the sibling voice at the policy table and advocating for what matters to families

◆ Research

Sharing research on the sibling experience and including siblings in research about people with disabilities



We believe:

- ◆ Individuals with disabilities have the same **rights** as all members of society to **dignity**, **respect** and the **opportunity to grow** and 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.

Become part of the sibling movement!
www.siblingleadership.org

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SibNet, the first and largest online community for adult brothers and sisters from around the world, is co-sponsored by the Sibling Support Project and the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN). Visit: www.siblingsupport.org/connect/the-sibnet-listserv.

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Providing Siblings of People with Disabilities with Information and Support

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Founded in 2007, the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing siblings of individuals with disabilities the information, support and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and to promote issues important to them and their entire families.



Beginning with a small group of dedicated siblings and supporters around the country, the SLN has grown to a network of state chapters, leaders of sibling groups and organizations, families, advocates and professionals.

We want to continue growing our network by including you!

Who should join the SLN?

- ◆ **Siblings of people with disabilities.** By uniting, we can support each other and be stronger together.
- ◆ **People with disabilities.** The self-advocacy movement serves as a model for us to learn how we can get involved in advocacy with our brothers and sisters.
- ◆ **Parents and family members.** Connections through the SLN can provide a unique perspective for families.
- ◆ **Professionals.** Many professionals can provide important support to siblings and partner with them throughout their lives.
- ◆ **Sibling supporters.** Anyone who is a friend or colleague to siblings and their families is welcome.



Why should you join SLN?

- ◆ **Stronger together**—become connected to siblings and sibling supporters nationwide.
- ◆ **Information is power**—all members receive information and updates about our activities as well as initiatives, policy decisions and sibling related events that are important to brothers and sisters.
- ◆ **Chapter connections**—get information about how to connect with or create a state or local sibling chapter of the SLN.
- ◆ **Siblings matter**—as our membership increases, so does SLN's impact. The more members we have, the stronger our voice in promoting support for people with disabilities and their families.

How do you join?

It's free and easy!

Just go to the website and sign up:
www.siblingleadership.org

