

2012 Activities & Accomplishments



SIBLING 
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NETWORK

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Providing siblings of individuals with disabilities the information, support and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and promote issues important to them and their entire families

A leader in the **sibling movement**, in 2012 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Grew the sibling network to over **1700 participants** and increased to **13 state chapters** (AL, DC, GA, IL, MA, MI, NH, NY, OH, PA, TN, UT & WI) while continuing to nurture and develop additional chapters throughout the country
- **Connected siblings** at the local and regional level for **peer support** and **networking** through events such as a “Sibs in the City” weekend and state chapter conferences
- Became **co-host of SibNet**, connecting adult siblings online for peer support, in partnership with Don Meyer and the Sibling Support Project
- Hired our **first Executive Director**
- Established a **national headquarters** at the University of Illinois at Chicago
- Applied to become a **501(c)3 organization** with tax exempt status
- Sponsored the **National Forum on Disability Issues** and hosted chapter viewing parties in various states
- Signed on to **policies that support siblings** of people with disabilities and their families
- Shared information and conducted outreach on the Sibling Leadership Net **YouTube** channel
- Developed a **position statement on voting rights** of siblings with disabilities
- Participated in the **Autism NOW National Partners Council**, presenting webinars and contributing to a self-advocacy curriculum
- Disseminated **quarterly eNewsletter** and other resources to raise awareness and connect
- **Educated professionals and families** through conferences and events across the country about the importance of the sibling perspective and support





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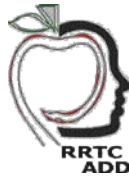
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