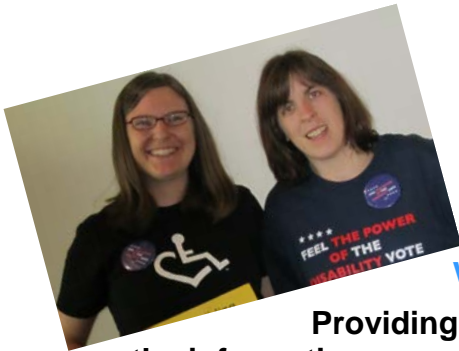


# 2013 Activities & Accomplishments



SIBLING LEADERSHIP 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 2013 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Grew the sibling network to over **3700 members** with **13 state chapters** (AL, DC, GA, IL, MA, MI, NH, NY, OH, PA, TN, UT & WI) while continuing to nurture additional chapters
- Held the **National SLN Conference** in conjunction with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, bringing together siblings, self-advocates, family members, and professionals from 22 states as well as Canada and Japan
- Generated **news coverage to raise awareness** of the importance of the sibling perspective and **increased social networking activities**
- Developed a **Sibling Policy Brief** highlighting legislation significant to siblings
- Created **Research Briefs** highlighting the research on adult and young siblings
- **Celebrated National Siblings Day** through chapter events and social media connections
- Participated in the **Disability Policy Seminar** in DC and co-hosted with The Arc a Sibling Meet and Greet
- Managed the new **Siblings Department in QualityMall.com**, an online site that showcases informational resources and products for people with disabilities and families
- Created a **Sibling Corner** in The Riot, a newsletter by and for self-advocates
- **Led webinars** to educate various networks including The Arc and ANCOR, the American Network of Community Options and Resources
- Developed The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities **Research and Policy Brief** on Siblings of Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- **Represented the sibling voice** at the Roundtable Discussion on Beyond Guardianship: Supported Decision-Making by Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- Became an active member of the **National Partnership Council** of the Supporting Families Community of Practice as well as an **Advisory Committee member** of The State of the State in Developmental Disabilities
- **Hosted sibling researchers** from Japan and Australia as well as students interviewing siblings across the country

- **Connected siblings** at the local, state, and regional level for **peer support** and **networking** through events such as “Sibs in the City” weekend and state chapter conferences
- Co-hosted **SibNet, the largest online network of adult siblings** from across the country to obtain peer support and information
- Advocated for **policies that support siblings** of people with disabilities and their families including the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and the Family Medical Leave Inclusion Act
- Shared information and conducted outreach on the Sibling Leadership Net **YouTube** channel
- Disseminated resources for siblings and their families, including a **quarterly eNewsletters**
- **Educated professionals and families** through conferences and events across the country about the importance of the sibling perspective and support
- **Strengthened partnerships** with numerous national organizations



**Thanks to the amazing volunteers from across the country for their dedication, which makes the Sibling Leadership Network what it is today!**

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