

Annual Activities & Accomplishments

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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 2017 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Celebrated the **10 year anniversary** of the SLN!
- Grew the sibling network to **over 5500 siblings & supporters with chapters in 26 states.**
- Held a successful **National SLN Conference** in Hartford, CT June 24-25, 2017 with 125 attendees from 31 states, as well as Australia and Taiwan. Siblings and sibling supporters enjoyed the opportunity to **learn from each other, make connections, and celebrate the sibling voice.**
- Continued to have a Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) representative on the SLN Board to ensure ongoing **collaboration with self-advocates.**
- Collaborated with Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability at Cornell University and SibsNY, through a grant from NYDDPC, to create **SiblingResources.org**, a website dedicated to issues concerning siblings of individuals with I/DD.
- Developed a strong partnership with Siblings with a Mission and created a **sibling curriculum for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) programs** that train graduate students to work with people with autism and their families.
- Advocated for **policies that support siblings** of people with disabilities and their families.
- Developed a **Diversity and Social Justice Committee** comprised of siblings from across the country.
- Created and disseminated a guide for state sibling chapters to **increase diversity.**
- Co-hosted with the Sibling Support Project, **SibNet, the largest online network of adult siblings** from across the country to provide peer support and information.
- **Engaged members** through active committees including Policy & Advocacy, Research, Diversity and Social Justice, and Chapter Development.
- **Connected siblings** at the local, state, and regional levels for **peer support** and **networking** through events and state chapter conferences.
- Celebrated **National Siblings Day** through social media connections and chapter events.
- **Expanded a learning community** around sibling to sibling peer support.



- **Educated professionals and families** via webinars and through conferences and events across the country about the importance of the sibling perspective, including presentations for the **Armed Forces Services Corporation**.
- Participated as an active member of the **Advisory Committee member** of The State of the State in Developmental Disabilities, **Advisory Council** of The Arc's Center for Future Planning, **National Advisory Council** of the Family Support Research and Training Center.
- Published findings from the SLN's **National Sibling Survey**.
- Shared important information for siblings through **The Sibling Survival Guide** book.
- Developed the **SLN website** to be a rich resource and **disseminated information** for siblings and their families.



The Sibling Leadership Network thanks the amazing volunteers from across the country for their dedication to make our organization what it is today!

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