Sibling Leadership Network Committees

Contact Katie.Arnold@siblingleadership.org to get involved!

**Research:** Increase awareness of including siblings of people with disabilities in research. The Research Committee is responsible for:
- Compiling, synthesizing, and disseminating research on siblings of people with disabilities
- Identifying research gaps and advocating to increase the amount and quality of research on siblings of people with disabilities
- Managing research content on SLN website
- Developing a best-practice guide for research on siblings of people with disabilities

**Services and Supports:** Increase awareness of services and supports for siblings of people with disabilities across the Lifespan. The Services and Supports Committee is responsible for:
- Advocating for increased and enhanced services and supports for siblings of people with disabilities, especially in regards to the discrepancies between states and their service systems
- Compiling and disseminating information on current services and supports that include and target siblings
- Managing services and supports content on SLN website

**Policy and Advocacy:** Make policy recommendations to the SLN Board and coordinate local and chapter advocacy efforts. The Policy and Advocacy Committee is responsible for:
- Working with Communications and Network Development Chairs to communicate sibling policy and advocacy efforts among the SLN and the wider community
- Encouraging a forum for dialogue on policy, advocacy and decision making
- Managing policy and advocacy content on SLN website
- Joining with organizational partners to move valued policy forward

** Communications:** Coordinate the “marketing message” of the SLN outside of the network. The Communications Committee is responsible for:
- Soliciting and responding to SLN-related media inquiries
- Developing and coordinating public education messages throughout the network
- Promoting and marketing the SLN messages and image
- Supervising production of newsletter
- Overseeing website maintenance and development

**Chapter Development:** Manage and guide the internal affairs of the SLN, with a focus on strengthening and supporting existing and future chapters. The Chapter Development Committee is responsible for:
- Maintaining existing communication tools between state and local chapters and develop new tools to facilitate increased support across chapters
- Promoting chapter outreach and development at all levels
- Representing siblings’ voices at the state and local level
**Get involved!**

We welcome everyone's involvement in the SLN. Whether you are a sibling, family member, self-advocate, professional or sibling supporter, we invite you to be a part of a growing movement that aims to advocate, support and disseminate valuable information for siblings of persons with disabilities and their families.

JOIN THE SLN. Become a member—it’s free and easy. Go to siblingleadership.org/get-involved and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

DONATE. Invest in the sibling movement by donating to the Sibling Leadership Network. Visit us at: siblingleadership.org/get-involved/donate-now/

JOIN A CHAPTER. Go to our website to find out if there is a chapter in your state and connect to siblings in your community.

START A CHAPTER. If your state does not have a chapter, contact info@siblingleadership.org to find out how to start one!

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**Join the SLN Board of Directors**

The Board leads the direction of the SLN and sets the vision for the future. Board members are instrumental in getting the work of the organization done through volunteering their time and talents.

If you are an expert in:
- Fundraising
- Web Development
- Graphic Design
- Accounting

We need your help! Email Katie.Arnold@siblingleadership.org for more information.