2012 Activities & Accomplishments

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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