Annual Activities & Accomplishments
2014-2015

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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 2015 the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN):

- Grew the sibling network to over 5000 siblings & supporters with chapters in 19 states
- Held the 2015 National SLN Conference in Louisville, KY with people from 24 states as well as Taiwan, Israel, and Ireland
- Continued to designate a Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) representative on the SLN Board to ensure ongoing collaboration with self-advocates
- Strengthened partnership with SABE and Parent to Parent and presented at various conferences sharing our work together
- Joined forces with Sibs’ Journey and added them as a new organization on the SLN Board to focus on young adult/college-age siblings
- Had full participation of SLN Board in financial contributions to grow the organization and engaged in state and federal funding focused on supporting siblings
- Disseminated the Sibling Advocacy Toolkit and the 2015 Sibling Policy Brief highlighting legislation significant to siblings
- Promotional sponsor of the Disability Policy Seminar in DC and hosted a Sibling Meet and Greet
- Advocated for policies that support siblings of people with disabilities and their families
- 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
- Led webinars to educate network on relevant topics such as Self-Directed Supports
- Engaged members through active committees including Policy & Advocacy, Support & Information, Research, Communications, and Chapter Development
- Connected siblings at the local, state, and regional level for peer support and networking through events including “Sibs in the City” events, state chapter conferences, and ADA 25 celebrations
• Educated professionals and families through conferences and events across the country about the importance of the sibling perspective

• Strengthened partnerships with numerous national organizations

• Participated as an active member of the National Partnership Council of the Supporting Families Community of Practice, Advisory Committee member of The State of the State in Developmental Disabilities, Knowledge Translation Partner for the Community Living Policy Center, Partner Organization of the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination, Advisory Council of The Arc’s Center for Future Planning, Family Advisory Council of Families Information Systems Project, and National Advisory Council of the Family Support Research and Training Center

• Conducted a National Sibling Survey

• Created a learning community around peer support for siblings

• Wrote a Chapter Development Guide

• Held national book club in celebration of the publication of The Sibling Survival Guide

• Celebrated National Siblings Day through social media connections and chapter events

• Managed the Siblings Department in QualityMall.com, an online site that showcases informational resources and products for people with disabilities and families

• Developed two new videos on family support from the perspective of self-advocates and disseminated through the Sibling Leadership Net YouTube channel

• 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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