Making a Difference Together

2015 NATIONAL SIBLING LEADERSHIP NETWORK CONFERENCE

May 30-31st, 2015

Galt House Hotel
Louisville, KY
THE MISSION
of the Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) is to provide
siblings of individuals with disabilities the information,
support, and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and
to promote the issues important to them and their entire families.
Hello Everyone,

On behalf of the Board and the Conference Committee, I want to welcome you to our 5th Sibling Leadership Network (SLN) Conference! We are very pleased to be in Louisville, Kentucky.

I want to thank the Conference Committee and our Executive Director, Katie Arnold, for all their enthusiasm and work over the last year. We have attendees from different parts of the country and spanning three generations. As different as we are, we share a common experience and focus—to promote issues of concern and advocate with our brothers and sisters. We have a program that we think will inform and inspire.

We hope that you will take advantage of this time together to network and connect with others! We have an active network on social media. The Conference provides us with an opportunity to meet those we only know online and to reconnect with others.

The SLN has been very busy this past year, supporting states to develop chapters growing from 13 to 19 states. We have also developed new collaborative relationships as well as enhancing current relationships. As we are growing and evolving as an organization, we took time to strengthen our structure.

Nationally, there is a lot of change occurring in the supports for people with disabilities and their families. There is a greater recognition and inclusion of siblings at the national and state levels and you will hear about some of those activities.

I want to thank each and every one of you for attending our 5th Conference. We hope that you will leave the Conference with information, resources, and friendships that will provide you with support as you return home.

I look forward to meeting you all, sharing and learning together!

Barb Sapharas
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SLN:

2007 SLN was founded and held its first national conference in Washington, DC in November in conjunction with the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) conference.

2008 SLN held its second national conference in October in Columbus, OH which culminated in the creation of a policy whitepaper published with recommendations for research, advocacy and supports related to siblings.

2009 A leadership meeting was held in Washington, DC in November and the first official Board of Directors was created for the SLN.

2010 SLN incorporated as a nonprofit organization and also held an International Sibling Conference in Greenwich, CT.

2011 A leadership meeting of the SLN Board was held in Nashville, TN where a strategic plan was developed for the future of the organization.

2012 The SLN hired the first part-time Executive Director to grow the organization and a virtual leadership meeting of the Board was held in January.

2013 The fourth National SLN Conference was held in Pittsburgh, PA in conjunction with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).

2013 SLN’s Executive Board met in Chicago to identify focus for the future including Chapter Development and building internal capacity.

2014 SLN focused on chapter development, building partnerships, committee work, organizational development and capacity building.

2015 The fifth National SLN Conference held in Louisville, KY in conjunction with AAIDD.
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<td>Join us for an evening of networking with other attendees. Bring or purchase copies of the Sibling Survival Guide and get it signed by the Editor and Authors.</td>
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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

TIME ACTIVITY
7:30am Breakfast (Provided)
8:00am Charting Your LifeCourse Towards a Good Life!
   Featured Keynote: Sheli Reynolds (Director of Individual Advocacy and Family Support at UMKC Institute for Human Development)
9:00am BREAK
9:10am Breakout Sessions 1 (Choose ONE of the Following):

A. Planning for the Future: The Sibling Roadmap
   Speakers: Katie Arnold (SLN Executive Director) and Liz Mahar (Program Manager, The Arc’s Center for Future Planning)
   Hear from two siblings about the areas to think about when planning for the future with your whole family. You will learn about how to get the difficult dialogue started in your family, the process of future planning, and an overview of the areas that are important to consider for planning. Resources will be shared that can help families plan and navigate the process, including information on The Arc’s Center for Future Planning.

B. Translating Research into Advocacy for Siblings of Individuals with Disabilities
   Speakers: Meghan Burke (SLN Chair of Research), Tom Fish (SLN Chair of Support & Information), Kristina Majewski (SLN Chair of Policy & Advocacy), & Shea Tanis (SLN Past Chair)
   In this session, we will discuss the connection between research and advocacy as well as ways that individuals can conduct advocacy for siblings of individuals with disabilities. We will begin by briefly describing the existing state of research that pertains to siblings of individuals with disabilities, including studies about caregiving roles, sibling relationships, and future planning. We will then consider the implications of existing research on local and national advocacy. We will highlight key advocacy efforts and ways in which individuals can get involved. We will conclude with a discussion about effective advocacy strategies.

C. Supporting Self-Determination
   Speakers: Rachel Patterson (SLN Communications Co-Chair), Pat Carver (SLN Outgoing Chair), and Liz Weintraub (Advocacy Specialist at AUCD)
   People with disabilities too often lack control over their own lives. This session will explore self-determination from personal and sibling’s perspectives, including how sibs can help their brothers and sisters with disabilities increase their own self-determination and how supporting self-determination can improve quality of life for the whole family.

10:10am BREAK
Breakout Sessions 2 (Choose ONE of the Following):

A. Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney—Oh My! Legal Documents Needed to Safeguard Your Sibling’s Future

Speakers: Karen Perch (Attorney at Law) and Carolyn Wheeler (Project Director, Human Development Institute/University of KY)

Creating and sustaining a safe and secure future for a person with a disability is of paramount concern for many families. Having legal authority to assist with decision making, applying for publicly funded resources, managing finances and advocating for or with a loved one is a critical component to ensuring a life of dignity and respect. If estate planning is not done correctly a person’s eligibility for publicly funded services could be jeopardized. Using actual people from the presenters’ experience, the differences between guardianship, durable power of attorney, and advanced directives as well as the role of a will, special needs and supplemental needs trusts will be described.

B. Developing Your Sibling Chapter

Speakers: Nora Handler (Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters), Harriet Redman (Executive Director of WisconSibs), and Erin Sweeney Hutzelman (SLN Chair of Network Development)

In this session you will learn from founding members of state chapters about how to start and grow your own chapter. If you are looking to start a chapter or expand its reach this session is for you. Learn what has worked for other chapters and what the speakers learned from other non-profit organizations. Highlights from the new Chapter Development Guide will be presented.

C. We are Family: Understanding the Collective Family Voice

Speakers: Shea Tanis (SLN Past Chair), Eric McVay (SABE rep on SLN Board), Debbie Gilbert (Co-Director, Family to Family Health Information Centers) and Tia Neils (President of SABE)

Supporting families of people with cognitive disabilities includes understanding the unique perspectives of not only the person with the disability, but also parents, and siblings. Nationally, self-advocates, parents, and siblings have partnered to bring a collective voice to advocacy for people with cognitive disabilities. This presentation will demonstrate the unique voice of each of the family perspectives in interpreting the impact and future of supports and services for all members of the family constellation.

11:20am  BREAK
11:30am  Closing Session and Open Mic
12:00pm  Conference Concludes
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MICHELLE “SHELI” REYNOLDS

My passion, knowledge and experience come from growing up as a sibling of a younger brother with developmental disabilities. For the last 17 years I have served as the Director of Individual Advocacy and Family Support at UMKC Institute for Human Development, a University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities where I am directly responsible for projects that directly impact the lives of persons with disabilities and their families through both policy and practice changes. I am currently the Director of the Missouri Family to Family Health Information Center and the co-principle investigator on the National Community of Practice on Supports to Families. This year I was appointed as a member of the Presidents Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. For twelve years I had the privilege of providing technical assistance to the self-advocacy organizations for Missouri and the nation, which served as my biggest training ground. I received my doctorate in Public Administration and Sociology from the University of Missouri, Kansas City with a focus on family support research and policy for families of individuals with developmental disabilities across the lifespan.

ANDREW MCQUAIDE

In August of 2013, Andrew joined the State of Rhode Island as Coordinator of Community Development and Planning for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals. Through administration of the Department’s Employment First policy and the US Department of Justice Interim Settlement Agreement, Andrew facilitates greater access to community-based, integrated employment and day services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. In November 2013, Andrew was appointed the Rhode Island State Coordinator of the US Department of Justice Interim Settlement Agreement. In this role, Andrew coordinates and supports interagency collaboration between the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals, Office of Rehabilitation Services, and the Rhode Island Department of Education in their implementation of the settlement agreement. Most recently, Andrew helped facilitate the landmark agreement between the State of Rhode Island and the DOJ. In April 2014, Governor Lincoln Chafee appointed Andrew Consent Decree Coordinator.
TORI MCCLURE
Tori Murden McClure is the president of Spalding University, in Louisville, Kentucky, which serves more than 2,500 students at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels. Tori holds a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College, a Master of Divinity from Harvard University, and her juris doctorate from the University of Louisville’s Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. In 2005, she earned her master of fine arts in writing from Spalding University. Her non-fiction book A Pearl in the Storm was published by Harper-Collins in 2009. A passionate world adventurer and humanitarian, Ms. McClure is best known as the first woman and first American to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She was also the first woman and first American to travel over land to the geographic South Pole, skiing 750 miles from the ice shelf to the pole. An avid mountaineer, Ms. McClure has climbed on several continents. She is a fully certified emergency medical technician in both urban and wilderness areas, and is a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) where she currently serves as the chair of the board of directors. Tori Murden McClure is the Legal Guardian for her brother with an intellectual disability, Lamar Murden.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SLN:
• The SLN has over 4,000 members across the country.
• There are currently 19 sibling chapters in states with the vision that every state will have an SLN chapter in the future.
• 5 Committees of the SLN are ways for people to get involved.
• Joining the SLN is free and easy—just sign up at www.siblingleadership.org
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- 70% of Millennials and Gen-Xers expect that they will likely be providing care to a loved one, only 51% feel ready to step into the role
- Millennials and Gen-Xers are looking for information and understanding to help plan for the future (financial, available services & what to expect)
- Over 2/3 of Millennials and Gen-Xers currently providing caregiving support enjoy the closer relationship formed, but some express stressors and challenges
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- Siblings are referred to as the “club sandwich generation” because they often juggle the caregiving of their aging parents, their own children, as well as their brothers and sisters with disabilities.
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