

Thoughts from Siblings of Children with Special Needs

Moderated by:

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7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

New Trier Northfield Campus*
Building C – Board Room C234, North Entrance
7 Happ Road – Northfield, Illinois

It is important to address the unique needs of siblings of children with disabilities, especially when you consider that the sibling relationship is often the longest relationship that anyone has in their lives. Brothers and sisters share many of the same feelings and concerns that parents of children with special needs experience, such as feelings of guilt, isolation, and concern over what the future holds.

Listen and learn from a panel of adult siblings of people with special needs as they discuss their relationships with their siblings, pivotal moments in their lives, challenges they have experienced, and their thoughts on future planning. Panelists will also take questions from the audience. The discussion will be moderated by Tammy Besser, LCSW, who coordinates Sibshops and Teen Sibshops developed by Don Meyer of the Sibling Support Project. A helpful resource list will be available. This workshop is appropriate for parents of children with disabilities and for the siblings (high school and beyond) of people with disabilities.

Space is limited. To ensure a seat, please **RSVP** to mades@nsssed.org with your name, home telephone number and school district by March 12, 2010.
Direct questions to Karen Noonan at 847-831-5100, extension 210.

***Directions to New Trier Northfield Campus**

From North: I-94 (IL 41) to Tower Rd. exit; go south on Frontage Rd. which turns into Happ Rd. until you reach Northfield Campus (just south of Winnetka Ave.). Park on west side of Happ.

From West: I-294 (Tri-State Tollway); exit east on Willow Rd. to Happ Rd.
South on Happ to Northfield Campus. Park on west side of Happ.

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