

Conference Registration

Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Ohio County	
Email	
Phone Number	
Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions	
Are you a sibling of a person with a disability?	Yes No
If Yes, does your sibling live in Ohio?	Yes No
Do you have primary care responsibilities for your sibling?	Yes No
Are you employed in the DD field?	Yes No
How do you plan on paying for the Conference?	Check Cash Scholarship Cty. Board

Thank you for registering!

See you in November!

When attendees were asked what they liked most about the conference they said:

- "Informational, relevant, timely topics"
- "Friendly and professional speakers"
- "The feeling of a common goal"
- "Seeing so many others who get it"
- "The feeling of empowerment"
- "I loved all of it!"



Siblings Rosemarie and Richard Rossetti at the Fiesta Bowl, 2003

Ohio SIBS hopes to increase opportunities for adult siblings to be better informed and become realistically involved in the lives of their brothers and sisters with a disability.

Adult siblings with and without disabilities are encouraged to attend!

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- Ohio Legal Rights
- Franklin County Board of DD
- Ohio Association of Adult Services
- Ohio Association of County Boards
- Ohio Provider Resource Association
- Ohio Self Determination Association

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Ohio SIBS presents the

10th

annual

Ohio Adult Sibling Conference



**November 5-6, 2010
Columbus Marriott
Airport Hotel**

10th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference



Purpose The Ohio Adult Sibling Conference celebrates its 10th year of addressing the needs and concerns of adult siblings who have brothers/ sisters with a disability. Siblings with and without disabilities and other interested individuals are welcome to join us for an opportunity to meet and partner with other siblings, become better informed decision makers, and gain the tools to prepare and secure the future health and well-being of individuals with a disability and their families.

Conference Highlights

- Siblings as Care Providers in a Medicaid Environment
- Siblings of people with Autism
- The role of siblings during transition periods: Challenges and Opportunities
- Understanding and Building the Sibling Relationship
- Self-advocacy activities for siblings with a disability
- Regional Sibling Gatherings

Continuing Education

Continuing education units/ certificates are pending for Social Work, LPC, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Developmental Disabilities.

Featured Speakers

Judy Karasik is an editor, writer, and consultant for foundations, nonprofits, and the government. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Boston Globe*. She co-authored *The Ride Together* with her brother Paul, a graphic novelist, who has Autism.

Cynthia Chambers is an Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Special Education at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Chambers has focused her research and practice efforts on sibling-related issues across the lifespan and has noticed similarities with her brother who has mental health issues. Dr. Chambers founded Siblings United, and is the Co-Chair of Research for the Sibling Leadership Network.

Vicki Snyder is the Director of Children's Options for the Lucas County Board of DD and has been a special education administrator, and intervention specialist. Vicki currently serves on various committees that help support and advocate for individuals with disabilities. She has presented locally and nationally on numerous areas in the field of special education. Most importantly, she is proud of her big sister Penny.

Lew Hurst is the Superintendent of the Seneca County Board of DD. He has spearheaded self advocacy and self-determination efforts across Ohio. Mr. Hurst is an active board member with the Ohio Self Determination Association.

Peggy Martin is the Family Advocate for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and a parent of a daughter with a disability. As a tireless family advocate, Ms. Martin has helped to pioneer a variety of services and supports for people with disabilities in Ohio.

Registration Information

Friday, November 5, 2010

2 pm—3 pm Registration and Check-in
3—7:45 pm Program including Dinner

Saturday, November 6, 2010

8 am—3 pm Program including breakfast and lunch

The registration fee is \$85 which includes meals and materials. Please make checks payable to The Nisonger Center.

Mail registration and payment to:
Ohio SIBS

c/o Tom Fish

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center
1581 Dodd Drive

McCampbell Hall, room 257 E

Columbus, OH 43210-1257

Registration by fax to Tom Fish at (614)292-3727 or submit online at www.ohiosibs.com

Financial assistance may be available through your local County Board of DD. For additional scholarship opportunities contact Tom Fish at 614-292-7550 or fish.1@osu.edu.

Adult siblings with and without disabilities are encouraged to attend!

For hotel reservations, please contact the Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel directly. Mention the Ohio Adult Sibling Conference to receive the special room rate of \$109 per night plus tax.

To make reservations

Call toll free (800) 491-5717

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