

## What are Sibshops?

Sibshops are celebrations of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special health or developmental needs. These workshops for "typical" siblings combine recreation, information and discussion. Kids age 8-16 attending Sibshops enjoy a lively, relaxed event that emphasizes a kids eye view of sibling issues.

Sibs meet other kids who share many of the same feelings as other sibs do. We talk about our challenges and hear how other kids deal with things. We play. We brag about our siblings. We make friends. And we celebrate being siblings! Join us!!!!

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Siblings of children with disabilities are extraordinary. They are role models to their siblings, their classmates, friends, and their community. They advocate for themselves and often for people with disabilities. They are uniquely equipped to understand the frustrations and the pride of overcoming challenges and celebrating abilities. They are care givers. Even the very youngest help their parents care for children with significant health care needs; and throughout their lives they often serve a vital role in the quality of life for their sibling.

Throughout tons of lively, sib-focused fun activities at Sibshops, kids will get the chance to understand their world more, appreciate their incredible role as siblings better, and celebrate it all with lots of new friends.

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**Just for Sibs!**

# Sibshops



**For boys and girls,  
8 to 16 years old, who  
have a brother or sister  
with a disability.**

Presented by :





*Having a brother or sister with a disability is for some a good thing, for others not-so-good and others somewhere in-between. Siblings have much to offer each other and Sibshops give kids an opportunity to share with each other.*

***What do we do at Sibshops?***

*Unique, off-beat, fun games*

*Team building activities*



*Learn advocacy skills*

*Share the joys and challenges of being a sib*



**Sibshop Goals**

- \* To meet other siblings of children with disabilities in a relaxed, fun setting
- \* To provide an opportunity for siblings to discuss the joys and challenges of having a brother or sister with a disability
- \* To learn how others handle situations that are common to siblings of children with a disability
- \* To learn about types of disabilities and possible implications in the lives of siblings



**Sibshops are for kids ages 8-16 who have a sibling with special needs.**

**Sibshops Gatherings will be:**

**Saturday  
March 17, 2018  
10:00 am -1:00pm**

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**Saturday  
April 21, 2018  
10:00 am-1:00pm**

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**Saturday  
May 19,2018  
10:00 am-1:00pm**

**Location:**

**Alternate Learning Center  
3939 Wrenwood  
Toledo, OH 43623**

**Sibshops are FREE !!!  
Pizza will be provided for lunch**