

Siblings with and without disabilities  
are encouraged to attend.



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## Registration Information

### Friday, November 6, 2009

2 pm– 3 pm Registration and Check-In  
3-7:45 pm Program and Dinner

### Saturday, November 7, 2009

8 am- 3 pm Breakfast, Lunch and Program

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



### Advance Registration

Mail registration form and payment to:

Ohio SIBS

c/o Tom Fish

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center

1581 Dodd Drive

McC Campbell Hall, Room 257

Columbus, OH 43210-1257

Register by fax to Tom Fish at (614) 292-3727 or  
online at [www.ohiosibs.com](http://www.ohiosibs.com)

Financial assistance may be available through your  
local County Board of MR/DD or the Ohio Develop-  
mental Disabilities Council Empowerment Fund. For  
information about the state fund, contact Gary Groom  
at (614) 644-5541.

For hotel reservations, please contact the Columbus Airport  
Marriott directly. Mention the Ohio SIBS Adult Sibling Con-  
ference to receive the special room rate.

Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel  
1375 N. Cassady Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43219  
Direct: (614) 475-7551  
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*OHIO SIBS*

## The 9th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference



November 6-7, 2009  
Columbus Marriott  
Airport Hotel



Increasing opportunities for adult siblings to be better informed and realistically involved in the lives of their brothers and sisters with disabilities.



## Purpose

This conference was the first of its kind nationally to address the needs and concerns of adult brothers and sisters of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Siblings with and without disabilities and others interested in supporting families are all welcome to join us for an opportunity to meet, befriend and develop relationships with people in similar situations. Attendees will become better-informed decision makers and will gain the knowledge, and necessary tools to prepare and secure the future health and well-being of their siblings, themselves and their families.

## Conference Topics Include

- Assuring Quality Outcomes Through Family Engagement
- The Sibling Relationship: A Discussion With Siblings About Siblings
- Finding and Promoting Quality Services and Supports in Ohio
- Advocating for Health Care and Wellness

## Continuing Education

Continuing education units / certificates are pending for Social Work, LPC, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Retardation / Developmental Disabilities for Ohio SIBS. People in need of other credentials should contact Joyce Clemons at (614) 782-9512 or [Joyce.Clemons@dmr.state.oh.us](mailto:Joyce.Clemons@dmr.state.oh.us).

## Featured Speakers

### Brian Skotko, MD

Is a resident physician in Boston who has dedicated his professional energies toward children with cognitive and developmental disabilities. His passions stems from his sister, Kristin, who has Down syndrome. In 2001, he co-authored *Common Threads: Celebrating Life with Down Syndrome* and, most recently, *Fasten Your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters*. Brian serves on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, the National Down Syndrome Society, Band of Angels Foundation, and is on the Professional Advisory Council to the National Down Syndrome Congress.

### Terry Ryan, Ph.D.

Is the Superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities who serves over 10,000 people. Terry has a brother, Neil with has a disability who lives and works in New York. Terry has worked in the field for 31 years.

### John Martin, M.A.

Is the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. John has a son, Joel, with a disability. ODMRDD provides oversight and strategic direction for the services that support over 80,000 of Ohio's citizens who have a developmental disability.

### John Kramer, Ph.D.

Is on a research team at ICI, The Institute for Community Inclusion, and is currently involved in the MI-CEO grant in employer engagement, consumer empowerment, and evaluation activities. John has two brothers, Matt and Mike, with a disability. John received his Ph.D. in Disability Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also has ongoing leadership position in the Sibling Leadership Network.



## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Ohio County \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs or Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a sibling of a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities?  Yes  No

If Yes, does your sibling live in Ohio?  
 Yes  No

Do you have primary-care responsibilities for your sibling?  
 Yes  No

Have you attended the Ohio SIBS conference previously?  Yes  No

If yes, which years?  
2001   2002   2003   2004  
2005   2006   2007   2008

Are you employed in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities?  Yes  No

Direct Questions and Registration to:  
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