

## **SIBLINK RESEARCH**

SibLink research is conducted to learn more about sibling experiences and to develop services that meet sibling needs.

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## ***SibLink***

*Celebrating, Serving, & Connecting  
brothers and sisters of children with  
illness and disability*

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SibLink is designed to meet the needs of  
siblings of children with medical,  
developmental, and behavioral problems  
through clinical service, teaching, and  
research.

## **SIBLINGS ARE IMPORTANT!**

The vast majority of children have brothers and sisters. Siblings play together, eat together, and share the same parents! So, when a child has a medical, developmental, or behavioral problem, siblings are affected. Siblings are where the child's treatment and services are provided – in the home, school, and community. However, siblings usually do not have access to the information and support their parents have.

## **WHAT DO SIBLINGS NEED?**

Every experience is unique, but siblings often express similar concerns and share common needs. These include:

- The need for accurate information about their brother's or sister's condition
- The opportunity to talk with a trusted adult or friend
- Concern about their family
- Concern about their own health and future
- Concerns about the reactions of friends and peers
- Adapting to changes in family routines

## **SIBLINK CLINICAL SERVICES**

**SibLink Evaluations** assess sibling understanding and adjustment to a brother's or sister's condition. Our evaluations help parents understand and address sibling needs.

**Individual and Family Therapy** is available from professionals trained to understand the unique concerns of siblings.

**SibLink Groups** are available for siblings 4 to 7 years old, 8 to 12 years old, and teens. Siblings meet in small groups for 4-6 weeks.

SibLink groups are designed to be educational, therapeutic, and fun. SibLink groups:

- Improve sibling understanding
- Provide peer support
- Build positive coping

Parents of SibLink group participants meet to address their questions and concerns about siblings.

## **FEES**

Fees for SibLink individual and group services may be billed to insurance. SibLink group requires a separate registration fee to cover the costs of group materials. We are happy to discuss any questions or concerns regarding fees.

## **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

If you would like to learn more about SibLink, call our office at (401) 444-8945 or visit our website at <http://sibLink.lifespan.org>.