

# *FAMILY SUPPORT*

## DIVISION

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*Creating Opportunities, Building Relationships, Improving Lives  
for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1952*

### *Presenting*

## **“Siblings of Children with Disabilities- Understanding Their Special Needs”**

### **A Conference with Don Meyer**

- As the award-winning director of the Sibling Support Project of The Arc of the United States, speaker, author, and creator of the Sibshop model, Don Meyer has presented on issues facing families of children with special needs all over the world.
- Don was a founder of the SEFAM (Supporting Extended Family Members) program at the University of Washington, which pioneered services for fathers, siblings, and grandparents of children with special needs.
- His Sibshop model provides peer support and information to young brothers and sisters of children with significant health concerns and intellectual disabilities.

Please join us on November 20, 2009  
at the Holyoke Holiday Inn and Conference Center  
245 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040

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| 8:30 am:   | Registration (beverages provided)  |
| 9:00-9:15  | Opening remarks by Doug McCallum, Dept. of Developmental Services, Director of Family Support Central/West Regional Office |
| 9:15-12:00 | Brothers and Sisters of People with Disabilities: Unique Concerns, Unique Opportunities                                    |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch (deli buffet provided)   |
| 1:00-3:00  | Panel of Adult Siblings of People with Disabilities  |

Registration information and directions are located on back. For more information, contact the Family Support Division at 413-586-8196.

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Department of Developmental Services, Franklin/Hampshire Area Office; Behavioral Health Network; Casa Latina, Inc.; Community Resources for People with Autism; Down Syndrome Resource Group of Western Massachusetts; Springfield Jewish Community Center Special Needs Department; Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services; Unified Sports Program; The United Arc; and Whole Children, Inc.

**Registration deadline is November 13, 2009**

Please return completed registration form along with payment to Family Support Division, 243 King St. Ste. 108, Northampton, MA, 01060. Please make checks payable to The Association For Community Living.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

check one: Family  Professional

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration Fee \$20.00  
(scholarships are available for families)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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Directions:  
Mass Turnpike (I-90) EAST / WEST  
Take EXIT 4 (I-91N)  
Telephone (413) 534-3311 I-  
91N, Take EXIT 15 (HOLYOKE/INGLESIDE)  
Bear right at the end of ramp  
Hotel on left