

**The Ohio State University Nisonger Center**  
A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

**SIBLING SUPPORT GROUPS**

<b>PURPOSE</b>	To provide support to children who have a sibling with a disability. The support group allows children the opportunity to share their experiences, gain information about their sibling's disability as well as other disabilities, learn from information about their peers, and support one another.
<b>PERSONS SERVED</b>	Children ages 7 to 11 who have a sibling with a disability.
<b>STAFF</b>	Nisonger graduate social work students under supervision from Tom Fish, PhD, LISW, Director of Family and Employment Services.
<b>SERVICES</b>	The group provides a social and educational outlet for children who may be feeling as if they are the only person who has a sibling with a disability. The group allows the children an opportunity to vent their frustration and learn new ways to solve problems. The sibling group provides a fun, safe, and emotionally stimulating environment.
<b>TIME</b>	Groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for six-week periods.
<b>LOCATION</b>	Nisonger Center.
<b>COST</b>	There is a \$50.00 charge for the six-week program. A sliding fee scale is available for those who qualify.
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