Selected Resources for Understanding and Supporting Siblings

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The following articles, books, and other resources provide a sampling of materials, which describe and support the experiences of siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders. Selected items may be available at your local library. Many may be borrowed by Indiana residents from the Library of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 East Tenth Street, Bloomington, IN 47408-2696, (800) 437- 7924 (toll free in Indiana; voice/TT); (812) 855-9396 (Bloomington, voice/TT).


Books for Siblings and Peers (Specific to Autism)


Nolette, C. (1986). **Having a brother like David**. Minneapolis, MN: Minneapolis Children's Medical Center Program for Autism and Other Exceptional Children.


**Selected Resources by and for Siblings and Peers**

Family Resource Associates, Inc.
35 Haddon Avenue
Shrewsbury, NJ 07701
Phone: (732) 747-5310
Quarterly newsletters: For Siblings Only (ages 4-9) and Sibling Forum (ages 10 & up).
[www.techconnection.org/index.htm](http://www.techconnection.org/index.htm)
Email: [teconn@aol.com](mailto:teconn@aol.com)

The Sibling Information Network
The University of Connecticut
A.J. Pappanikou Center
249 Glenbrook Road
Storns, CT 06269-2964
Phone: (203) 648-1205
Quarterly newsletter subscription, and specific newsletter SIBPAGE
(ages 5-15) 1 year subscription $8.50.
www.parentsoup.com

The Sibling Support Project, CL-09
Children's Hospital and Medical Center
4800 Sand Point Way, N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105
Phone: (206) 368-4911
Fax: (206) 368-4816
www.chmc.org/departmt/sibsupp
Email: dmeyer@chmc.org
(The NASP Newsletter)

Videos:

**Just Call Him Matthew.** (1992). VHS format; 26 minutes. Produced by Mountain Productions, New Mexico; (505) 291-9284. Young brothers and sisters of children with autism speak openly about their feelings and experiences.

**Brothers and Sisters on Siblings with Developmental Disabilities.**
(1989). VHS format; 20 minutes. Produced by YARC Sibling Support, Waisman Center, Madison, Wisconsin. Older siblings discuss their experiences, joys, and disappointments concerning their brothers and sisters with disabilities.

**Brothers and Sisters-Siblings.** (1995). VHS format; 21 minutes. Society of British Columbia. Narrated by a teenage sister. Visits with a variety of siblings and their families who discuss the challenges and rewards of having a brother or sister with autism.

**Sense of Belonging: Including Students with Autism in their School Community.** (1997). VHS format; 19:34 minutes. Distributed by Indiana Resource Center for Autism. Illustrates the value of inclusion and importance it plays for the future of all students.


**Straight Talk About Autism: Adolescent Issues** (1999). VHS format; 38 minutes. An Attainment Production, P.O. Box 930160 Verona, WI 53593-0160. Phone: (800) 327-4269; Fax: (800) 942-3865. Adolescents with autism and their parents discuss openly their feelings and insights about social experiences that are both rewarding and challenging.

Booklets:

**Brothers and Sisters Talk with PACER.** (1987). Produced by Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER), Minneapolis, MN; (612) 827-2966. Cost is $4.00. Booklet with accounts based on interviews conducted with siblings of children and young adults with disabilities.

**Views from Our Shoes.** (1997). By Donald Meyer. Published by Woodbine House, Bethesda, MD; (800) 843-7323.
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