**SibShops**

This group, ages 8-15, is for siblings of special needs children. The program will meet 4 times a year (once each season) on a Saturday morning to discuss common issues particular to being a sibling of someone with special needs, followed by lunch and an exciting and fun field trip opportunity for the group to enjoy – some great trips are planned! Given the varied age range, the students may break out into age appropriate groupings and discussions. Topics discussed will include: what it is like to have a special needs sibling; how to talk about their sibling with friends; how to handle the strong emotions involved; helpful books and resources.

Primary Instructor(s): Linda Nathan (Social Worker) and Nina Riley (Guidance Counselor)

**Dates: November 23, January 11, March 21, May 2 10am-2pm**

**Location: Scituate High School Library, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway**

**Tentative Syllabus *– subject to change***

Session 1: November 23

New students: our strengths and weaknesses, siblings’ strengths and weaknesses

Returning students: Family check in/changes

Reflection journal

Field Trip – Pinz

Session 2: January 11

Coping Strategies

Reflection journal

Field Trip – Mix It Up Kitchen

Session 3: March 21

Connections: how we connect with our siblings

Field Trip – Escape Room Kingston

Session 4: May 2

Reflections

Special Gathering with Siblings: Nona’s truck and Peter Mundt

**List of resources:**

Views From Our Shoes; Edited by Donald Meyer.

The Sibling Slam Book; Edited by Donald Meyer.

The Sibling Survival Guide; Edited by Don Meyer and Emily Holl

Rules; by Cynthia Lord

Parents: Center for Parent Information and Resources Handout

**Program Policies**

* Room assignment will be posted at the front entrance the first day of class and/or
* the instructor will meet you there.
* Attendance will be taken each class; you must sign your child in and out of class. **If your child will be absent, please email Nina Riley in advance at** **nriley@scit.org** If day of, the emergency contact number is Linda Nathan 781-264-0274
* If someone other than yourself is picking up your child, you MUST give a note of permission.
* Your emergency contact person needs to be someone who will be available and able to pick up your child.
* Please pick up your child on time. There will be a $25 late fee if pick up is 10 minutes or more after dismissal time.
* I understand and affirm that by registering my child for a CORSE program, I grant permission for SPS, Scituate Recreation and CORSE to use photographs and/or videos of my child in CORSE, SPS and/or Scituate Recreation publications, materials and websites.   If there is a need to avoid photos of your child, you must contact corsefoundation@comcast.net and put your request in writing.  Every effort will be made to avoid photos in regards to this request, but it cannot be guaranteed.
* If your child needs access to medications, please be aware that there is no school nurse on-site and medications in school offices are locked.  Parents are responsible for assuring the appropriate arrangements and information is provided to the instructors.  School personnel or instructors cannot dispense medication.  If there is an emergency, 911 will be called.
* If your child is intentionally disruptive in the class, you may be called to pick them up early.  Chronic maladaptive behavior problems will result in termination from the program without refund.
* Financial Policies: 1) Refund policy is based on the withdrawal date of the student. Please notify corsefoundation@comcast.net immediately. If notification is less than two weeks prior to the start of the class, we cannot guarantee any refund. There are NO refunds the week that the class starts. 2) If session is cancelled for weather or emergent reasons, every effort is made to reschedule for this, but make-up classes cannot be guaranteed nor fees reimbursed. 3) If you have received financial assistance and are a NO CALL/NO SHOW, you will be charged for the program and may lose future financial scholarship opportunities.