



A “**Sibshop**” is a lively celebration of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. Through a unique combination of information, games and activities, a Sibshop provides an opportunity for siblings to:

- ◆ Meet other brothers and sisters of children with special needs in a relaxed, recreational setting.
- ◆ Talk about common joys and concerns with others who know what it’s like to have a brother or sister with a disability.
- ◆ Learn how others handle situations commonly experienced by siblings of children with special needs.
- ◆ Make new friends and have lots of fun!

Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs has both good parts and not-so-good parts. Brothers and sisters may have feelings that are difficult to express, even to a friend: sadness that a sister can’t learn things that others take for granted, anger when a brother’s behaviour problems prevent the family from doing things other families do, or the special pride when a sibling with a disability learns a basic but important life skill after months or years of practice. At a Sibshop, siblings can share these feelings with others who truly understand.

Abbotsford Sibshop:

Please join us for lively discussions, crafts and fun activities, lunch will also be provided.



**For Siblings
Aged 8-12 years**

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
Plaza 154
#105-32868 Ventura Ave
Abbotsford
Ph: 604-852-2686 Extension 230

Date: July 4, 2018
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Cost: \$10.00

Please contact Wendy Bruzzese at 604-852-2686 Extension 230 for questions or to register.

For more information on sibling issues, check out the following web-sites:

- ◆ The Sibling Support Project
<http://www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/welcome>
- ◆ Children With Disabilities: Understanding Sibling Issues
<http://www.athealth.com/Consumer/disorders/disabsibling.html>
- ◆ Focus on Siblings
<http://www.ftnys.org/focusonsiblings.htm>



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