



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.

### **Chilliwack Sibshop:**

**Please join us for lively discussions and activities including: Three Wishes, Graffiti Wall, Last Details, Mouse Trap and a whole lot more!**



**For Siblings  
Aged 8-12 years**

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre  
45474 Luckakuck Way  
Chilliwack  
Ph: 604-824-8760 Extension 246

Date: July 9, 2015  
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**Please contact Danielle Edmonson at 604-824-8760 Extension 246 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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