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Present Position: Director, Sibling Support Project at the Kindering Center

Education: Drake University, B.Sc., 1975 (Special Education); University of Washington, M.Ed., 1980 (Early Childhood/Special Education).

Relevant Professional Experience:

- 1990-2001** Director, Sibling Support Project, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Seattle
- 1987-1990** Coordinator, Early Childhood Education, Inpatient Education, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Seattle
- 1987** Editor, *Sibling Information Network Newsletter, Sibpages*, Connecticut's University Affiliated Program, University of Connecticut, Storrs
- 1984-1986** Project Coordinator, Supporting Extended Family Members (SEFAM), Fathers Program Outreach, Experimental Education Unit, University of Washington, Seattle
- 1982-1986** Project Coordinator, Facilitator, SEFAM SIBSHOP project, Experimental Education Unit.
- 1982-1983** Project Coordinator, Sibling Handbook Project, Experimental Education Unit
- 1981-1984** Project Coordinator, SEFAM Demonstration Program, Experimental Education Unit
- 1978-1985** Project Coordinator, Facilitator, SEFAM Fathers Program, Experimental Education Unit
- 1975-1978** Special Education Teacher, Katherine Curren Elementary, District 287, Suburban Hennepin County, Hopkins, Minnesota

Awards and Honors:

- *The 2007 Upton Sinclair Award*. EducationNews.org
- *The 2007 Duncan Award*. Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Seattle, Washington
- *The 1992 National Award for Innovation*. Presented by ACCH, the Association for the Care of Children's Health; Atlanta, Georgia.
- *Outstanding Professional Contribution, 1985*. Awarded by the Arc of King County; Seattle, Washington.

Board Memberships:

- Advisory Board, Special Education/College of Education, University of Washington, Seattle.
- Advisory Board, SuperSibs, a nation organization honoring siblings of children who have cancer.
- International Advisory Board, Sunfield School, Stourbridge, West Midlands, UK
- Advisory Board, Art with Heart, Seattle
- Board of Directors, National Down Syndrome Congress (1992-1994)
- Editorial Board, *ACCH Advocate* (1992-1995)

Selected Publications:

Conway, S. and Meyer, D. (2008). Developing support for siblings of young people with disabilities. *Support for Learning* · 23, (3), 113-117.

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- Meyer D.J. (1986). Fathers of children with special needs. In M.E. Lamb (Ed.): *The Fathers' Role: Applied perspectives*. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Meyer, D.J. (1986). Listening in on fathers: Groups at the Down Syndrome Congress share their concerns. *Focus on Fathers*, 1, (2).
- Meyer, D.J. (1983). A Sibshop for siblings. *Sibling Information Network Newsletter*, 2, (1).
- Meyer, D. and Holl, E. (2014). *The Sibling Survival Guide: Indispensable information for brothers and sisters of adults with disabilities*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

- Meyer, D. J. and Vadasy, P.F. (2008). *Sibshops: Workshops for siblings of children with special needs*. (rev. ed.) Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company
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- Meyer, D.J., Vadasy, P.F., Fewell, R.R. and Schell, G. (1982). Involving fathers of handicapped infants: Translating research into program goals. *Journal of the Division for Early Childhood*, 5, 64-72
- Vadasy, P.F., Fewell, R.R. and Meyer, D.J. (1986). Grandparents of children with special needs: Insights into their experiences and concerns. *Journal of the Division of Early Childhood*, 10 (1), 36-44
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Biography: DON MEYER

Don Meyer is the director of the Sibling Support Project, a national effort dedicated to the interests of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns. As the project's director, Don has conducted more than 300 workshops in all 50 states as well as Canada, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Iceland, Israel, Turkey, England, New Zealand, and Japan. His workshops and trainings have reached thousands of parents and providers have helped establish more than 400 Sibshops worldwide.

Don was a founder of the SEFAM (Supporting Extended Family Members) program at the University of Washington, which pioneered services for fathers, siblings, and grandparents of children with special needs. SibKids, SibTeen, and SibNet--the online groups Don created for young, teen, and adult siblings--connect thousands of brothers and sisters with their peers every day. In 2012, he created GKSN (Grandparents of Kids with Special Needs) to connect grandparents with their peers.

Don is the senior author or editor of numerous articles and seven books:

- *The Sibling Survival Guide: Indispensable information for brothers and sisters of adults with disabilities.* (Woodbine House, 2014)
- *Thicker Than Water: Essays by adult siblings of people with disabilities.* (Woodbine House, 2009)
- *The Sibling Slam Book: What it is really like to have a brother or sister with special needs* (Woodbine House, 2005);
- *Sibshops: Workshops for brothers and sisters of children with special needs* (Paul H. Brookes, 1994);
- *Living with a brother or sister with special needs: A book for sibs* (University of Washington Press, 1996);
- *Uncommon Fathers: Reflections on raising a child with a disability* (Woodbine House, 1995); and
- *Views from our Shoes: Growing up with a brother or sister with special needs* (Woodbine House, 1997).

Don received the 2007 Duncan Award from Seattle Children's Hospital for his work with families. He is married to Terry DeLeonardis, a special education teacher and consultant. They have four children.

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