

# ***SIBSHOPS of Greater Brockton!***

A collaboration of the Brockton Area Arc, Growthways, Inc.,  
Old Colony YMCA (Youth Division and East Bridgewater), and So. Bay Early Intervention

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Sibshops of Greater Brockton is pleased to announce that a Sibshop program will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the East Bridgewater YMCA, 635 Plymouth St., (Rt. 106) East Bridgewater. Children ages 8 to 12, who have brothers and sisters with special needs, are invited to participate. This is a special time just for siblings! We are planning to swim, so children should bring a swimsuit and towel.

Sibshops are FUN! At Sibshops, brothers and sisters will have the opportunity to:

- Meet other children who know what it is like to have a sibling with special needs
- Learn more about disabilities and what they can do to help their brother or sister
- Have lots of fun playing exciting games

***Who will be supervising the Sibshop program?*** Three adults who work with families and believe that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another will be leading the activities. **Allison Howland** works with families from South Bay Early Intervention. **Elaine Wright** is the Family Support Case Manager at Growthways, Inc. **Kathy Kerwin** is the coordinator of the Family to Family Support Center at the Brockton Area Arc.

***How do we register?*** If you would like to enroll your child in the Sibshops program, please fill out the registration form that accompanies this letter. Then send the registration form and **\$10.00 per sibling by Wednesday, Feb. 10** to:

**Elaine Wright  
Growthways, Inc.,  
1330 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301**

Please make checks payable to: **Growthways, Inc., for Sibshops.**

If you have any questions, please contact one of us at the telephone numbers below. We look forward to hearing from you and having a great Sibshops program on February 17!!

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