

SIB SESSIONS



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What are SIB Sessions?

SIB Sessions are aimed at providing a comfortable setting for sharing and learning about the ups and downs of being a brother or sister to a sibling with a disability. SIB Sessions are offered to siblings ages 5 through 15 and are free of charge to all participants. During the sessions, siblings have a small discussion time, eat a light snack, and enjoy a variety of activities.

SIB Sessions takes place at the Barber National Institute on the third Saturday of the Month from 9am to 12pm.

SCHEDULE

May 18, 2024
June 22, 2024
July 20, 2024
August 17, 2024
September 21, 2024
October 19, 2024
November 16, 2024
December 21, 2024
January 18, 2025
February 15, 2025
March 15, 2025
April 19, 2025
May 17, 2025
June 21, 2025

Sign Up

SIB Sessions are limited to 7 students at this time. Please RSVP to **Sarah Hollis at 814-878-5961** by the Wednesday prior to the session to secure your spot for that months session.

My name is **Dr. Shawn Miller**. I graduated from Edinboro University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In 2012, I obtained my master's degree from Edinboro in special Education and began working at the Barber National Institute. I worked as the SIB Sessions coordinator for many years but left to obtain my Doctor of Education degree. In 2020, I defended my dissertation on Teacher Retention at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2022, I returned to Penn West Edinboro to obtain both my Principal and Education Supervisor Certifications. In 2022, I made the difficult decision to leave the Elizabeth Lee Black school to become the 7th and 8th grade Learning Support Teacher at the General McLane School District.

In addition to teaching at James W. Parker Middle School and as SIB Sessions and Time for Me Coordinator, I continue to work with many clients and families within the Agency with Choice program. I am also an adjunct professor in the education department at Mercyhurst University and serve on the board for the ARC of Erie County as Vice Chair.

In my spare time, when I have it, I can be found with my husband Jerry and our dogs Marston, Braxton, Niklaus, Diesel, Chanel and Lucy.