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Michigan Department of Community Health  
Relatively Speaking Conference  
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It's Time to Register!

# Relatively Speaking

a conference giving support and information to youngsters  
with a brother or sister with special needs

Friday – Sunday, November 4 - 6, 2005  
Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids

Space is limited. Registration deadline is Friday, September 30  
(or sooner if capacity is reached).

With funding from the Children with Special Needs Fund,  
sponsored by the Parent Participation Program  
Children's Special Health Care Services Division (CSHCS)  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
1-800-359-3722

# Relatively Speaking '05

- Children with special needs participate in their own fun, ability-appropriate activities.
- Siblings age five through teens share their unique concerns in fun, recreational groups led by specially trained adults.
- Mothers, fathers and other caregivers hear "in-the-know" speakers.

## Dynamic Presenters

**Don Meyer**, director of the Sibling Support Project of the Arc of the United States. His own life with a brother with special needs inspires his pioneer research and sibling support models. His new book is *The Sibling Slam Book: What It's Really Like to Have a Brother or Sister with Special Needs*. Don's other books include *Uncommon Fathers: Reflections on Raising a Child With a Disability*.

**Jan Moss**, director of community leadership and advocacy, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of Oklahoma's Health Sciences Center. With insight and keen humor, she relates family stories of parenting two children with special needs.

**Geri Jewell**, a comedienne who quips she "survived special education" and realized her dream of becoming a famous actress. As "Cousin Geri" in the groundbreaking sit-com *Facts of Life* she was the first person with a visible disability (cerebral palsy) cast in a prime time series. Her current TV roles include "Rose" in CBS's *The Young and the Restless* and "Jewel" in HBO's *Deadwood*.



## Professionals please note:

In addition, you may attend our free one-day Sibshop training session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, November 4. Don Meyer -- a knowledgeable, energetic trainer -- will demonstrate how to run a Sibshop, a special event designed just for siblings of children with special needs. (Get details about Don and his project at [www.thearc.org/siblingsupport](http://www.thearc.org/siblingsupport).) Advance registration only. Register weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (313) 456-4376.

## "Storybook Ball" (Mother Goose to Dr. Seuss)

All youngsters and their family members are invited to wear a costume to a lively, fully accessible Saturday evening dance.

On-site Child Care for pre-registered infants through five-year-olds: \$15.00 per day per child. Phone our toll-free CSHCS Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

Conference Fee: \$35.00 per family or professional. Registration deadline is September 30.

Lodging: \$100.37 (includes tax) per night, single or double occupancy. Phone the Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids at 1-800-2CROWNE. To reserve in our specially priced block of rooms, call no later than October 12th and identify yourself as part of *Relatively Speaking*.

Families may apply for a limited number of Parent Stipends to cover most costs. Preference is given to families attending for the first time. For an application, phone 1-800-359-3722.

## Relatively Speaking 2005 Registration Form

Questions? Phone 1-800-359-3722

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Check(✓) if an Adult	Age of Child	Special Need (if any)

Registration		\$ 35.00
Sunday Luncheon Tickets	\$5/child under age 10 x ___ child/ren	\$ _____
	\$10/adult x ___ adult/s	\$ _____
On-site Child Care	\$30 x ___ child/ren	\$ _____
	(Space is limited. Call to check availability)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

Make check payable to: The State of Michigan  
Please write on check's Memo line: For Relatively Speaking Conference

Mail Registration Form & Check no later than September 30th to:  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
Cashier's Office - Relatively Speaking Conference  
PO BOX 30437  
LANSING MI 48909-7937

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# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 10 & under: \_\_\_\_\_ # On-site Child Care: \_\_\_\_\_

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