

Family Center for Children and
Youth with Special Health Care Needs
Lewis Cass Building, 6th Floor
320 South Walnut Street
Lansing, MI 48913

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

a conference for siblings and other family members of children with special needs



ARE you an allstar? "A team player is more valuable than a single player"

Friday, October 5 – Sunday, October 7, 2007
Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids

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Children with special needs participate in their own fun, ability-appropriate activities.

Siblings age SIX 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:

don MEYER, director of the Sibling Support Project. His own life with a brother with special needs inspires his sibling support model. His newest book *The Sibling Slam Book*, is by and for teens. 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 TV roles include "Rose" in ABC's *The Young and the Restless* and "Jewel" in HBO's *Deadwood*.

[Geri Jewell]

On-site Child Care for pre-registered infants through five-year-olds: \$30.00 per child. Phone our toll-free CSHCS Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Register as soon as possible; our capacity is limited.

Conference Fee: \$35.00 per family or professional. Registration deadline is August 30, 2007.

Lodging: \$100.57 (includes tax) per night, single or double occupancy. Phone the Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids at 1800-2CROWNE. To reserve in our specially priced block of rooms, call and identify yourself as part of Relatively Speaking.

Families may apply for a limited number of Parent Stipends to cover most costs. For an application, phone 1-800-359-3722.

"TRIATHLON JAMBOREE KARAOKE DANCE"

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

PROFESSIONALS PLEASE NOTE:

Professionals are welcome to attend all adult Relatively Speaking sessions.

In addition, you may attend our free one-day Sibshop training session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday October 4, 2007. 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 donmeyer@siblingsupport.org). Advance registration only. Register weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (313) 456-4376.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING 2007 REGISTRATION FORM

Questions? Phone: 800-359-3722

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Name	Check (✓) If an adult	Age of child	Special Need (if any)

Registration \$ _____

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)

TOTAL \$ _____

Make Check payable to: SEMHA
Please write on check's Memo line: For Relatively Speaking Conference

Mail Registration Form and Check no later than August 31, 2007 to:

3056 W Grand
Blvd Suite 3-350
Detroit, MI 48202-6003

For Family Center Use

Celebrate _____ # Adults _____ # Youth 11-18 _____ # Children 10 & under _____ # On-site Child Care _____