



Saturday, August 3, 2019

Breakout Session D19 • 4:00-5:00 pm • Grand Ballroom A/B

Sibling Panel

Mallorie Beavers, Sarah Lent

Aaron Hartshorne, Macon Jones, Kylie Steinhauser,
Matt Stanger, Julia Williams, Daniel Wolfe

Presenter Information

Mallorie Beavers is a member of the CHARGE Syndrome Research Lab at Central Michigan University, sibling of Nolan, age 17, who has CHARGE

Sarah Lent is a Special Education teacher with an interest in sibling relationships. Inspired by her brother Eddie, age 19, Sarah works with students with severe disabilities. During the previous two conferences, Sarah helped facilitate Sibshops and she plans to continue doing so.

Presentation Abstract

Siblings of individuals with CHARGE have unique experiences. This panel of siblings will share their experiences, both rewarding and challenging, of being raised with a sibling with CHARGE syndrome. Moderators will ask specific questions, after which the panelists will share their experiences and be available to answer questions about life in a CHARGE family.

Learning Objectives

- Parents will learn about some of the challenges and rewards facing siblings
- Parents will learn how to support all the children in their family.
- Siblings will 1) learn new ways to deal with having a sibling with CHARGE syndrome, 2) learn some strategies for when things get difficult, and 3) learn how to find connections with others in similar situations.