Sibling Relationships: Building Lifetime Connections

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Sibling relationships can enhance or inhibit your child's experience. Parents serve important mentoring roles teaching children effective negotiation and communication skills which are key to their sibling relationships as well as peer relationships. This class will teach parents about the factors affecting sibling relationships and focus on what parents can do to build the foundation for strong lifelong relationships. Topics will include:

- Sibling roles and birth order
- Sibling rivalry (Resolving conflict; when & how to intervene; & team building)
- Ages and stages
- Long-term impact of youth sibling relationships
- The importance of establishing fair & reasonable home environments

Laura Doerflinger, MS, a licensed mental health counselor, is the Executive Director of the Parent Education Group in Kirkland. She has been working with families for 18 years & has a great deal of experience working with students in the Lake Washington School district. Laura has two children ages 14 & 16. She understands the importance of establishing communication strategies within families. She is a wealth of information on how to access services appropriate to individual family needs. For more information about her work, go to http://www.familyauthority.com/

Recommended for Parents of All Students

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