

# Siblings

**S**

**SEE** the interactions between children as learning opportunities. Children can learn many things from each other.

**I**

**INVITE** children in a family to work as a team. Be careful with contests and competitions. Combine grades, athletic points and other achievements for a family score rather than individual scores. "Our family scored 4 soccer goals today."

**B**

**BE** careful about comparing children. It leads to anger and low self-esteem.

**L**

**LET** children find their own solutions to their problems. Adults may guide and suggest, but encourage children to be creative problem solvers.

**I**

**INTERVENE** only when someone is in danger. Encourage children to talk about the problem from their point of view. Listen to them.

**N**

**NORMAL.** Most brothers and sisters fight and argue as they grow up.

**G**

**GIVE** each child individual adult attention. Spend time doing what interests that child. Celebrate their specialness.

**S**

**SEPERATE** children who are physically fighting and give them a chance to calm down.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

- *No One Asked Me If I Wanted A Baby Sister*
- *Spots Baby Sister* by Eric Hill
- *Maybe My Baby* by Irene O'Book

## ADULT RESOURCES:

- *Siblings Without Rivalry* by Taber and Mazlish

