

# Why Sibling Voice?

## They have the longest relationship with their sibling



Encouraging siblings to express their thoughts and needs from an early age can promote stable and mutually rewarding relationships, supporting the well-being of siblings and their family well into the future.

## They are often overlooked and disconnected

Listening to the voices of siblings can help identify emotional and practical needs such as feeling neglected or facing challenges in their own development and relationships, and develop appropriate support mechanisms for them.



### They have a lot to contribute

By listening to the voices of siblings, we can understand their unique skills, perspectives, and experiences, which can help their sibling with developmental delay, difference, and disability thrive, and enrich both their lives.

#### It creates more inclusive policies

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Siblings' unique experiences and perspectives can provide valuable insights into the opportunities associated with having a sibling with developmental delay, difference, and disability, shaping policies and programs that support these children and their families.



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#### They have their own rights too

By listening to the voices of siblings, we can enable them to express their feelings, preferences, rights, and choices, thereby supporting them in making decisions about their future.

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