

**“THEY STARTED IT!!”  
RAISING GIFTED AND  
NEUROTYPICAL SIBLINGS  
TOGETHER**

Webinar Facilitator’s Guide



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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

What do you wish you knew about gifted kids' development?

What's the hardest part of raising your gifted kids?

What would make your life as a parent easier?

What do you wish the world knew about your kids and how they learn?

What are you dreading about your kids growing up?

What are you excited about for your kids growing up?

# About Matthew Zakreski, PsyD

One of the most challenging things about raising gifted children (as if it's not hard enough), is when that child has a neurotypical peer. Sibling relationships can be one of the more protective factors for children developing appropriately socially, emotionally, and physically, so it is a variable that needs to be treated with care and intention. This presentation will focus on how to manage the relationships between gifted and non-gifted siblings with emphasis on communication, navigating asynchronous development across peers, and setting internal expectations. This presentation will offer concrete, usable strategies for parents to use to help their children feel safe, seen, and supported.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT DR. MATT

Matthew “Dr. Matt” Zakreski, PsyD is a high energy, creative clinical psychologist and professional speaker who utilizes an eclectic approach to meet the specific needs of his neurodivergent clients. He is the co-founder of The Neurodiversity Collective, LLC, co-host of the podcast “Nerding out on Neurodiversity,” and the author of the Neurodiversity Playbook: How Neurodivergent People Can Crack the Code of Living in a Neurotypical World.

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