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The majority of the research on siblings of children with special needs has focused primarily on siblings of children with developmental disabilities. Little research has looked at the experience of having a sibling with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The current study was designed to explore the specific worries of children with siblings who have ADHD. Preliminary findings from this study are presented in case study format. The worries of three siblings of children with ADHD are compared with the worries of three matched siblings of children with Autism and the worries of three matched siblings of children with typical development.