

#### **OUR MISSION**

Epilepsy Alliance Ohio is dedicated to supporting those impacted by epilepsy in local communities by confronting the spectrum of challenges created by seizures.

#### **OUR LOCATIONS**

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### What exactly does Epilepsy Alliance Ohio do?

For newly diagnosed clients or even those who have had epilepsy/seizure disorders for an extended period of time, this is a question that people call to ask quite a bit.

Look inside to see the services that we provide.

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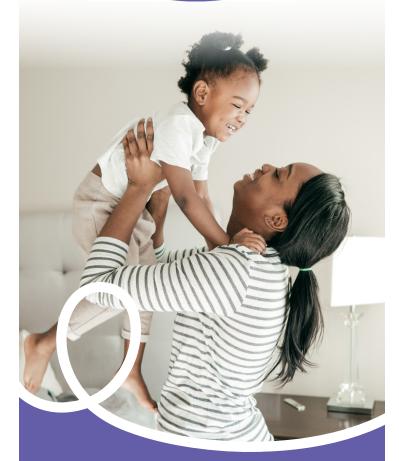
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## Epilepsy Alliance Ohio PROGRAMS & SERVICES







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#### **Community Education**

We provide general epilepsy education including seizure recognition and first aid training to a variety of audiences. We offer different curriculums for different audiences. Our training lengths will vary to meet your needs. Our trainings include going into schools, police departments, fire departments, businesses, employers, preschools, day care centers, nursing homes, community health fairs, or anywhere we are requested to go and teach about epilepsy. For younger audiences, we have an epilepsy educational puppetry presentation. Online training and Facebook Live training is also available.

#### **Support Groups**

We provide monthly support groups in various locations, a Mom's group and an online private Facebook support group. The purpose of the groups is to come together to share tips, mutual concerns, common issues, challenges and successes with other members of the group. The groups take place in Athens County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Licking County, Northern Kentucky, and Warren County.

For information on these and other programs or to volunteer call toll free 1-877-804-2241 or check us out on the web at www.epilepsy-ohio.org.

#### **Advocacy Services**

Epilepsy Alliance Ohio works tirelessly to protect the rights of people with epilepsy in the workplace, schools and elsewhere. Protections in these places are guaranteed under the Americans with Disabilities Act and we regularly accompany employees and parents of students to defend these rights.

#### Counseling

Our agency employs staff who are educated, trained, and qualified in assisting people with epilepsy and their families in the area of supportive counseling. Counselors help the person with epilepsy and their family to understand, cope, adjust and deal with the spectrum of challenges faced by epilepsy. Counselors also help with practical matters such as information and referrals and patient assistance programs for medications. Our counselors are available for face-to-face counseling as well as phone and email.

#### **Camp Flame Catcher**

This camp is uniquely designed to give children with epilepsy the typical camping experience that their peers enjoy with the added guidance of trained epilepsy specialists to care for their specific needs. It gives the campers the opportunity to establish friendships with other children who also have epilepsy and hopefully to develop a lasting support system in their lives.



#### **School Support**

This service enables the child with epilepsy to stay in the most challenging and appropriate setting in school to achieve success and equality. It often involves one of our counselors attending a student's IEP (Individualized Education Plan) Meeting, or educating the student's teachers or classmates about epilepsy and the effects it may have on the student.

#### **Residential Group Homes**

We operate 4 residential facilities for adults with developmental disabilities and seizure disorders. The clients who live in the homes receive training for independent living in the areas of community access, personal and social adjustment, personal care, practical academics and home management.

#### **Day Activity Program**

This is a Monday through Friday educational, vocational and social program for adults with epilepsy and developmental disabilities. There are opportunities to develop horticultural, animal care skills and occasional piece rate work jobs. Participants also enjoy social and recreational activities. When appropriate, some of the individuals volunteer and/or work in the community at various jobs.

#### **Professional Seminar Series**

Professionals in the healthcare field can earn CEU's at seminars held monthly on a variety of topics.

#### **Fundraisers**

We offer a variety of fundraisers throughout the year for adults as well as for families. In order to feel connected, network, advocate and meet others sharing your journey with epilepsy, consider participating or volunteering at our many events. Visit our website for more information. For daily updates, visit us on Facebook and Twitter.