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OUR MISSION

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What exactly does Epilepsy Alliance Ohio do?

Look inside to see the programs and services we provide.

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



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Community Education

We provide general epilepsy education including seizure recognition and response 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 person and virtual, 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, Northern Kentucky, and Warren County.

SMART Program

SMART stands for Self-Management for People with Epilepsy. With our program, self-management is not something you need to do alone - join others to learn how group support can help you manage the challenges of your care and living with a chronic condition. SMART is a FREE on-line (via zoom or telephone call in) one hour, once a week for 8 weeks, curriculum based support program for people living with seizures and their loved ones. It is offered 2-3 times per year. Each week presents different topics on strategies for treatment management, seizure management, and lifestyle management, as well physical and emotional well being. A Nurse and a Trained Peer Educator will work with the SMART group to facilitate each weekly session.

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 in person and virtual counseling as well as phone and e-mail.

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. In accordance with Ohio HB33, we provide training for schools to satisfy the requirements of the law, ensure each child with epilepsy has a seizure action plan, and to become a **Seizure Smart School**.

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.