



Edmonton Epilepsy Association
The Epilepsy Association of Northern Alberta

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Free “Kids on the Block” puppet presentations that educate children (and their teachers, administrators, caregivers, and group leaders) about kids with Epilepsy in an entertaining manner. In 2016 – 62 shows in 48 locations with 6,549 attendees and 11,440 activity booklets handed out.
- Free specially-tailored in-services about Epilepsy to schools, businesses, group homes, Public Service bodies, Colleges, etc. (includes annual training for NAIT EMT students and ETS Supervisors and Security Personnel, and on-line information about Epilepsy on the EPS Training System). In 2016 – 18 presentations, 484 participants, 648 Educational booklets handed out.
- Annual no-cost Epilepsy Educational Forums, both of interest to Health Care Professionals as well as the General Public. In 2016 – both held at the Glenrose Hospital, 163 participants, 163 Booklets provided.
- Free provision of our series of 11 Epilepsy Education Information booklets to Members, Hospitals, Clinics, Neurologists’ Offices and Pharmacies. In 2016 – 36,121 English, 15,486 French distributed, as well, 81,248 booklet downloads from 208 countries of the world. Our guide for Parents was translated into Russian, joining the Turkish translation also available for download.
- Website, print and video information about Epilepsy, and a free lending library for Members;
- A bi-monthly newsletter that includes the latest current medical information available about Epilepsy, as well as current news about the Association and our services and events;
- A Scholarship Program for Post-secondary Students with Epilepsy (minimum two scholarships a year);
- Garry Hannigan Memorial Life Enhancement Scholarships for Youth, to assist young people (up to the age of 18) to participate in sports, arts, cultural or recreational activities that will enhance their development as individuals;
- No-cost Counselling sessions on Epilepsy-related problems for people with Epilepsy and Families of people with Epilepsy, with referrals to other supporting Agencies as needed. In 2016 - 311 sessions.
- Monthly group session geared toward adults with Epilepsy and concerned family members;
- Individualized information and support for Parents/Caregivers of children with Epilepsy;
- No-cost provision of assistance/advice on diverse matters, including, but not limited to, finding employment, driving and Epilepsy, potential side-effects of medication, and dealing with the complexities of Government forms and applications (AISH, Disability, housing subsidy, etc). In 2016 - We provided 192 Social Work assistance Interventions and Advocacies (a 12.9% increase over 2015), in diverse problem areas/issues with income, finding employment, potential eviction, a house foreclosure, employment discrimination, discrimination at schools/colleges, private disability insurance plan issues, photosensitivity issues, schooling, driving, medical care, mental health issues, pharmaceutical issues, finding a neurologist, family relations, pensions, taxation, complaints about EPS, AHS, ETS, landlords

and treatment of persons-in care. We also advocated for a Member on an issue at the Provincial Court in Edmonton.

- No-cost social and recreational activities for Members that help reduce social isolation, free ETS Bus Training, and free “Donate-a-Ride” Program bus tickets for Members in need;
- An annual no-cost in-house Collective Kitchen Cooking Training Program and an annual in-house Computer Training Program for Members;
- Ongoing recruitment and screening of quality Volunteers, annual recognition of all Volunteers, and annual award of Member-nominated Volunteer-, Achiever-, and Employer- of- the-Year Awards.
- Other Epilepsy Educational opportunities on 2016 included: 100 YEG Women, U of A Neuroscience Students Purple Day Display, Old Strathcona Farmers Market Purple Day Display, Global TV Interview, Safe and Caring Collaborative Resource Fair, Autism Walk, Spruce Grove/Stony Plain Rotary Meeting. 358 participants 260 booklets provided.