



EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

Greater Southern Illinois

A YEAR IN REVIEW

FY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois is to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.

OUR SERVICE AREA AND POPULATION

The Foundation's primary catchment area is the southwestern Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, Randolph and Washington. The population of these seven counties is 648,754 individuals. In addition, with our Subsidiary organization of Southern Illinois, we encompass the entire 34 county area of Greater Southern Illinois with a population of almost 1.2 million (1,170,410) people with an estimated 45,015 individuals diagnosed with epilepsy. The Foundation is a voluntary health organization and an affiliate of The National Epilepsy Foundation.

OUR SERVICES

In FY 2023 a quality full continuum of services remained our top priority and excellence in service was our goal.

EPILEPSY SERVICES COORDINATION

EFGSI provides Coordination of medical, psycho-social, and vocational services for persons with epilepsy. Case management, information and referral, advocacy and epilepsy education are also an integral part of our program.

- ❖ During FY 2023, **48** social support groups were held for individuals with epilepsy. Twelve of these support groups were educational in nature including Seizure First Aid training, Epilepsy Medications and Osteoporosis, Epilepsy and Managing Triggers, Epilepsy and Oral Hygiene, Seizure Tracking and Reporting, Epilepsy and Healthy Diets, Sleep and Epilepsy, Home Safety and Epilepsy, Epilepsy and Holiday Stress, Epilepsy Preparedness and Natural Disasters, Photosensitivity and Epilepsy, and Epilepsy and Summer Safety. The Twenty Four social support groups included a trip to Louis and Clark State Historic Site, Great Rivers Museum, The St. Louis Arch and Museum, Relleke Farm Pumpkin Patch, Bingo, Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Factory tour and lunch, Historic Daniel Boone Home and Village Tour, Fort De Chartres Tour, Horseshoe Lake State Park Picnic and BBQ, Cahokia Mounds, Dinner/Movie under the Stars night, Gateway Racetrack Christmas light show, Rock Spring Park Christmas light show, Crafts and luncheon, and other social support groups. Many consumers also attended a Cardinal Baseball Game with EFGSI, a night at the Muny, the annual dinner and Bingo with the Executive Director night, and the agency-wide Halloween Party. There were Twelve Caregiver supports groups offered throughout the year. In addition, there were also 8 smaller social gatherings throughout the year.
- ❖ **2,369** hours of service were provided to **26** Comprehensive Case Management Client and Family consumers during FY 2023.
- ❖ **2391** hours of service were provided to **10,330** individuals who called for information on epilepsy and other related services. Those services included:
 - Financial medical support for **16** individuals through EFGSI's epilepsy emergency medical fund.
 - Camp Roehr, a 7 day residential camp for children with epilepsy was held June 24th through June 30th, 2023, **44** individuals from Illinois, Missouri, and surrounding states participated.
 - Other consumer needs for **277** individuals.
 - Epilepsy awareness/service information was provided to **83** new businesses in EFGSI's seven county service area.

- **74** epilepsy education presentations and events were provided in the Foundation's service area to the following total audience of **9,910** individuals:
 - ✓ **10** School-based trainings including Day Cares, primary and secondary education levels/ extra-curricular activities, Colleges and Universities, as well as school transportation entities for **1569** students, teachers, drivers, and school volunteers;
 - ✓ **36** health fairs/booth's, disability awareness, employment, and volunteer events with epilepsy materials for **6619** individuals;
 - ✓ **17** epilepsy trainings for social services agencies, Boy/Girl Scouts, Businesses, families, and area churches for **327** individuals; and
 - ✓ **11** epilepsy trainings for **1395** police officers and police cadets.
- ❖ **12** EFGSI News Flash epilepsy updates/ information were provided to **1427** individuals/agencies in FY 2023.
- ❖ Finally **10,169** individuals visited the agency's website for further information on epilepsy. In addition, there were **986** Twitter views and **66,522** visitors to our Facebook site for a combined total of **77,677** in FY 2023.

Consequently, 89,460 individuals received some form of epilepsy education, information, and/or coordination services in FY 2023 in EFGSI's service area.

EPILEPSY HOME BASED SERVICES

An array of non-residential support services facilitated/monitored by an EFGSI service coordinator.

16 individuals with epilepsy and/or other developmental disabilities received **266** hours of services monitoring through this program in FY 2023.

EPILEPSY COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)

Residential 24 hour program for persons with seizure disorders and/or other developmental disabilities.

This residential program served **16** individuals in three community group homes 365 days/24 hours a day during FY 2023.

INTERMITTENT COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)

Intermittent residential services for persons with seizure disorder and/or other developmental disabilities.

4 individuals received **2940** hours of intensive services from EFGSI's resource staff during FY 2023.



Everyone is excited about walking for epilepsy!



Judges narrow down best costume award at the annual Halloween party!



Support Group at Daniel Boone Home



Support group learning about making chocolate at the Chocolate Factory



Campers enjoying a horse ride at Camp Roehr, 2023

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**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

REVENUE

Contributions/Other	47,091
Misc. Income	42,770
Fundraising	15,335
Fundraising Direct Expense	(9,121)
Investment Income	6,287
Fees/Purchase of Service	1,917,675
Grant Revenues	<u>27,075</u>
Total Revenue	2,047,112

EXPENSES

Program Services	1,630,453
Fundraising	27,956
Management/Fundraising	<u>136,491</u>
Total Expenses	1,794,900

Change in Net Assets	252,212
Beginning Net Assets	1,635,819
Ending Net Assets	1,888,031

FY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois's epilepsy education presentations and events increased by 49% FY 2023.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 16th annual agency wide Halloween event which brings individuals together from all programs for a night of music, games, contests, and dinner.
- The "31st" annual Camp Roehr residential camp for children with epilepsy was held at the YMCA Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood located in Potosi, MO.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois successfully maintained its financial resources in the black (a net gain) and increased assets for FY 2023.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois completed property updates including landscaping, new gutters/guards to CILA homes and painting, flooring, gutters/guards, and a new roof at the main office.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued to maintain its vehicle fleet of ten vehicles to support all agency programs in FY 2023. The vehicle fleet not only reduces expenditures in programs but also increases community awareness of the Foundation and its services through the advertisement on the vehicles.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 7th annual Dinner and Bingo with the Executive Director event.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 3rd annual Dinner/Movie under the Stars event as a great outdoor activity which started as a new tradition in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 14th annual Sharon's Ride, Run, Walk fundraising event to support our mission at the Gateway Grizzly Stadium.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued providing the CDC approved Seizure First Aid two year certification training throughout the EFGSI service area. Trainers are certified instructors through the National Epilepsy Foundation to provide this program. EFGSI is so busy training that a new Community Education Specialist was hired this year.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois purchased an event hall and has made many updates to the hall. The hall is being used for staff/client/community meetings and trainings, support groups, and many special events throughout the year (i.e. Halloween party, Christmas luncheons/parties, Birthdays, etc.).