



Dear Friends of Epilepsy Florida,

For nearly half a century, Epilepsy Florida has been committed to the epilepsy community of Florida – providing real help for individuals living with epilepsy, their families, and caregivers. As an affiliate of Epilepsy Alliance America, our focus is on serving the 426,000 Floridians affected by this disorder and keeping funds and resources local in our Florida communities. We are successful thanks to our donors and the over 26,000 advocates supporting us across Florida.

Your continued support of Epilepsy Florida is paramount to our success. One way to support our mission is to join us for one of our upcoming Walk the Talk for Epilepsy events. These annual events, held in cities across the state, provide an opportunity for our communities to walk together in unity, supporting those affected by this disorder and helping raise much needed awareness in the process. I hope to see you there! [Register today!](#)



Sincerely,

Karen Basha Egozi
President & CEO
Epilepsy Florida

A Look Back at Epilepsy Florida's 2020 Capitol Day

Last month, Epilepsy Florida clients, board members, and staff walked the halls of the Florida State Capitol to meet with legislators, review policy, and advocate for continued epilepsy support on behalf of the 426,000 Floridians living with epilepsy. As always we continue to partner with our sister organizations across the state. Thank you to the **Epilepsy Association, Epilepsy Agency of the Big Bend and Epilepsy Services of Southwest Florida** for continuing to support all Floridians with epilepsy and their families during our Capitol Day. We remain strong together!

We also recognized state lawmakers who serve as champions of our mission during our annual “Purple = Red + Blue” reception. We thank the following members of the legislature for their support and look forward to working with them for many years to come:

- Rep. Nick DiCeglie (R-District 66)
- Rep. Nick Duran (D-District 112)
- Rep. Tom Leek (R-District 25)
- Rep. Scott Plakon (R-District 29)
- Sen. Keith Perry (R-District 8)





Pediatric Neuroscience Conference a Success



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NETWORK
CONFERENCE

Hosted by Epilepsy Florida in conjunction with Nicklaus Children's Hospital's Brain Institute, the bi-annual Florida Pediatric Neuroscience Network Conference was held January 10-12 in Orlando to further the knowledge of pediatric neurologists and other practitioners on the topics of epilepsy, connectivity, pharmacogenetics, and other new concepts. 140 medical professionals attended from across the state with 14

renowned epilepsy expert speakers from across the country. The event is the brain child of our tireless board Chair, Patricia Dean ARNP.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a success, especially this year's conference sponsors: LivaNova, Sunovion, Aquestive, Greenwich Biosciences Inc, UCB, Biocodex, BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Eisai Inc, Mallinckrodt, Novartis, and Supernus Pharmaceuticals.





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Valued Relationship: Florida Blue Foundation

Epilepsy Florida has been fortunate to grow its relationship with the Florida Blue Foundation over the past several years. Specifically, the Foundation has awarded funding for two multi-year statewide grants totaling nearly \$600,000 to help benefit the 426,000 Floridians living with epilepsy:

- **Advance Innovation and Promote Solutions in the Health Care System Grant:** Epilepsy Florida is using this three-year grant money to support its Project I.M.P.A.C.T. (Improving Medical Pediatric/Adult Access to Care through Telemedicine) program to provide telehealth neurological services to persons with epilepsy.
- **Consumer Health-Health Literacy Grant:** Epilepsy Florida is using this four-year funding to increase individuals' understanding of basic health information services, enabling them to make appropriate health decisions. We are also working with the medical community to help develop approaches to enhance understanding among patients with low health literacy.

Thank you to the Florida Blue Foundation for generously recognizing and enhancing the impact of our programs and services in our Florida communities!

Save-the-Date! Walk the Talk for Epilepsy 2020

FLORIDA'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY EVENTS
BENEFITTING PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY



Florida's biggest community events benefitting people with epilepsy are coming soon to a city near you!

Epilepsy Florida's Walk the Talk for Epilepsy events, held throughout the state of Florida each year, benefit the 426,000 Floridians living with epilepsy. This year's events will kick off at Esplanade Park in Broward on March 29 and will culminate in Naples this fall.

Join us as we walk together in unity to support those affected by this disorder. [Pre-register today!](#)

Florida's #1 Epilepsy Ally – Since 1971!

For nearly 50 years, Epilepsy Florida has provided support to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and access to

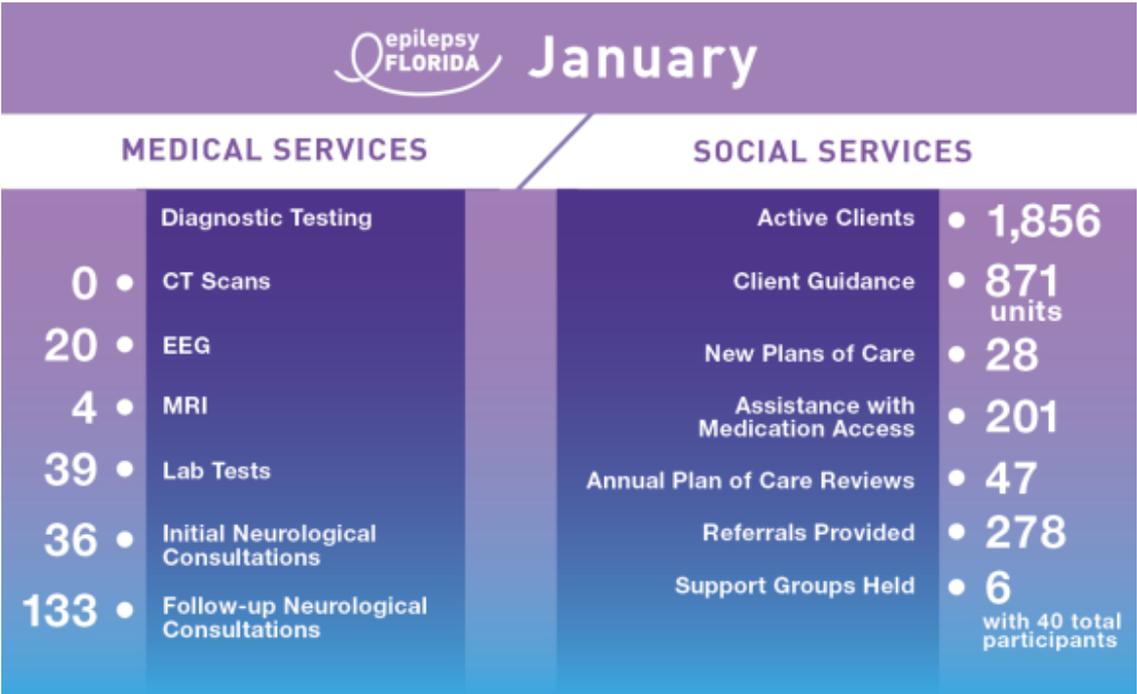


resources and accelerated therapies designed to stop seizures and save lives. Whether a person newly diagnosed with epilepsy, the parent of a child struggling with seizures, or the caregiver of a loved one without work because of their condition, Epilepsy Florida is committed to being the first call for anyone living with epilepsy.

If you or someone you know has questions or would like more information, call us toll-free at 1-877-55-EPILEPSY (1-877-553-7453) or visit www.epilepsyfl.com.

Real Epilepsy Help: Here and Now

Here's a quick glance at our services provided in January 2020:



SUPPORT
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No one can prepare for a seizure as it can happen at the most unexpected time. There are currently more than 426,000 individuals who suffer from epilepsy across Florida with more than 93,720 of those sufferers being children. Prevention and education can better prepare those impacted by the disease. Epilepsy Florida is here to help provide services and resources to those needing it most, and to those seeking more information.

Epilepsy Florida offers extensive and supportive services and programs to individuals, families, friends, and the community at large, including:

- Educational presentations
- Current epilepsy resources and information
- Medical services
- Support groups
- Sponsorship & Volunteer Opportunities
- Summer Camp
- Patient Navigation
- So much more!

To become a client and for more information about the organization, the individuals it serves, and the resources provided to those in need, visit www.EpilepsyFL.com or call 1-877-553-7453.

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