



EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

Greater Southern Illinois

A YEAR IN REVIEW

FY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois is to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection.

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 646,239 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 over 1 million (1,164,750) people with an estimated 44,790 individuals diagnosed with epilepsy. The Foundation is a voluntary health organization and an affiliate of The National Epilepsy Foundation.

OUR SERVICES

In FY 2025 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, support groups, information and referral, advocacy, emergency medication funding and epilepsy education are also an integral part of our program.

- ❖ During FY 2025, **45** support groups were held for individuals with epilepsy. Twelve of these support groups were educational in nature including Seizure First Aid training, Epilepsy and Dental Care, Fire Safety, Sound and Vibration Healing Therapy, Epilepsy and your Digestive System, Winter Safety, Self- Care, Support Animals, Horse Therapy for Epilepsy and Mental Health, Art to Manage Stress, Epilepsy and Public Transit Safety, HOBSCOTCH (Home- Based Self-Management and Cognitive Training). The Twenty One social support groups included a trip to Lone Elk County Park/picnic lunch, Lewis and Clark Historic Site/picnic lunch, St. Genevieve Historic site/lunch, MO History Museum/lunch, St. Louis Zoo, Movies at the Lincoln Theatre, Christmas Craft Day/lunch, Christmas Party/luncheon, Game Day/lunch, Edison's Entertainment Complex/Dinner, St. Louis Arch and Museum, Purple Day Activities (Lunch, yard games, prize for best purple outfit), Grants Farm/picnic lunch, trip to Camp Lakewood/lunch, Laumeier Sculpture Park/lunch, Movie night/dinner day at EFGSI, Gateway Racetrack Christmas light show, Christmas Wonderland Light show in Alton and Lady of the Snow Shrine Christmas Lights. 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 annual agency-wide Halloween Party. There were Twelve Caregiver supports groups offered throughout the year. In addition, there were **10** smaller social gatherings throughout the year.
- ❖ **3,045** hours of service were provided to **25** Comprehensive Case Management Client and Family consumers during FY 2025.
- ❖ **2,447** hours of service were provided to **9,399** individuals who called for information on epilepsy and other related services. Those services included:
 - Financial medical support was provided **25** times for a total of **17** individuals through EFGSI's epilepsy emergency medical fund.
 - Camp Roehr, a 7 day residential camp for children with epilepsy was held June 7th through June 13th, 2025, **54** individuals from Illinois, Missouri, and surrounding states participated.
 - Other consumer needs for **583** individuals.

- Epilepsy awareness/service information was provided to **62** new businesses in EFGSI's seven county service area.
- **137** epilepsy education presentations and events were provided in the Foundation's service area to the following total audience of **8,683** individuals:
 - ✓ **18** School-based trainings including Day Cares, primary and secondary education levels/ extra-curricular activities, Colleges and Universities, as well as school transportation entities for **361** students, teachers, drivers, and school volunteers;
 - ✓ **88** health fairs/booth's, disability awareness, employment, and volunteer events with epilepsy materials for **8,000** individuals;
 - ✓ **31** epilepsy trainings for social services agencies, Boy/Girl Scouts, Businesses, families, and area churches for **322** individuals; and
- ❖ **32** EFGSI News Flash epilepsy updates/ information were provided to **1,299** individuals/agencies in FY 2025.
- ❖ **12** Eblasts with monthly Support Group Information were provided to **21** agencies/entities in FY 2025.
- ❖ Finally **9,298** individuals visited the agency's website for further information on epilepsy. In addition, there were **771** Twitter views, **331** Instagram views, and **66,549** visitors to our Facebook site for a combined total of **76,949** in FY 2025.

Consequently, **87,719** individuals received some form of epilepsy education, information, and/or coordination services in FY 2025 in EFGSI's service area.

EPILEPSY HOME BASED SERVICES

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

6 individuals with epilepsy and/or other developmental disabilities received **172** hours of services monitoring through this program in FY 2025.

EPILEPSY COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)

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

This residential program served **17** individuals in four community group homes 365 days/24 hours a day during FY 2025.

INTERMITTENT COMMUNITY INTEGRATED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (CILA)

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

3 individuals received **1698** hours of intensive services from EFGSI's resource staff during FY 2025.



Lots to do at Camp Roehr, 2025



Celebrating our favorite holidays at the Event Hall!



Lots of excitement at the Annual Walk for Epilepsy!



EFGSI's New Vehicle!

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**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

REVENUE

Contributions/Other	8,249
Contributions – In-Kind	116,867
Misc. Income	34,021
Fundraising	12,030
Fundraising Direct Expense	(5,282)
Investment Income	19,831
Fees/Purchase of Service	2,271,488
Gain (Loss) on Asset Disposal	(974)
Grant Revenues	<u>15,088</u>
Total Revenue	2,471,318

EXPENSES

Program Services	2,149,854
Fundraising	37,648
Management/Fundraising	<u>183,799</u>
Total Expenses	1,985,237

Change in Net Assets	100,017
Beginning Net Assets	<u>2,063,333</u>
Ending Net Assets	2,163,350

FY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois continued to expand and increase social media presence. Facebook views increased by 52%. Twitter views increased by 497%. And Instagram views increased by 1041% in FY 2025.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 18th annual agency wide Halloween event which brings individuals together from all programs for an exciting night of supper followed by music, games and contests.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois celebrated Christmas with memorable parties for all programs and staff. There was delicious food, music, gifts, games, visits from Santa, a beautiful Christmas tree and classic decorations which created a warm and festive atmosphere and a strong sense of camaraderie among all.
- The “33rd” 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 2025.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois completed property updates including two new windows (Wendy Way), flooring (Cool Valley), Bedroom furniture and flooring (Lawndale), Bedroom furniture (St. Sabre), concrete sidewalk (event hall), and laptop, projector, speakers, computer, a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica and 2025 Ford Starcraft Bus at the main office.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois increased its vehicle fleet from ten to eleven vehicles to support all agency programs in FY 2025. The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois added a 2025 Ford Starcraft 12 passenger van to the fleet which was approved through the IDOT grant process. The vehicle fleet reduces expenditures and increases community awareness of services through the advertisement on the vehicles.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 9th annual Dinner and Bingo as well as the 5th annual Dinner/Movie with the Executive Director events.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois held the 16th annual Sharon’s Run, Walk fundraising event to support our mission at Moody Park in Fairview Heights.
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois celebrated the National Epilepsy Awareness Month (NEAM) with the theme “Share your Purple Power”. #NEAM2024 and #ShareYourPurplePower were used to share facts and information with followers. The social media campaign for NEAM included postings on the website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Eblasts. Seizure First Aid trainings and health booths were provided as well. EFGSI assisted Jersey County with a resolution for NEAM. State Senator Terri Bryant sponsored a Senate resolution declaring November epilepsy awareness month (Resolution # 1274).