



PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECEIVED

We received a fifth-year extension to our Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant enabling four Community Health Workers (CHWs) to be stationed at Massachusetts General Brigham and Children's Neurodevelopment Center (CNDC) at Hasbro Children's Hospitals through September of 2026.

With this funding, Epilepsy Foundation New England will continue to leverage the skills and experience of CHWs in the New England area.

These members will provide a customized approach to people living with epilepsy to improve the quality of their lives through guided care management.

PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

Epilepsy Foundation New England engages more than 2,400 epilepsy advocates who have signed up to SPEAK UP for epilepsy in our area. Their voices help to educate and inform legislators and other decision makers about issues important to people living with epilepsy, their families, and care providers.

Governor Janet Mills signed LD 211 into law in 2025, establishing "Seizure Safe Schools" in Maine by requiring the Department of Education to provide resources for developing Seizure Action Plans (SAPs) for students with epilepsy, increasing school safety and aligning Maine with other states on seizure awareness and management. This law mandates schools receive guidance and support for implementing SAPs, ensuring better care for students with seizure disorders.

[Become an advocate today!](#)



TAKE ACTION

- [Donate](#)
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Hear from Dr. John Gaitanis on how to support EFNE.



Charlotte shares her goal of being seizure free and why she chooses to donate.

LOOKING TO DONATE?

You can donate online by following [this link](#) or make checks payable to Epilepsy Foundation New England and mail to:

Epilepsy Foundation New England
175 Cabot St #301, Lowell, MA 01854

<p>raised through walks, galas, DIY events, and concerts</p>	 <p>OVER \$1.5 MILLION</p>
 <p>\$19,200</p>	<p>Emergency Aid Grants Awarded</p>
<p>people with epilepsy served in MA, NH, ME, VT, RI</p>	 <p>25,000</p>



Bridging the Gap

Providers report EFNE services are highly valued & essential

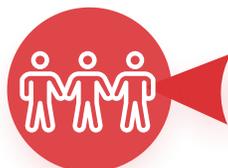
- Improved patient care & support for complex social needs
- Enhanced site capacity: data tracking and care management
- EFNE Resource Rooms strengthen epilepsy care through trusted education, essential services, and compassionate community support.

78% of respondents from CNDC and 82% at MGB found EFNE Services helpful or very helpful in Improving Care for Patients with epilepsy



Be in the Know

Keeping our community connected with the knowledge and resources they need means making sure all of those living with epilepsy in New England can access Educational Programs designed with students, parents, educators, and professionals in mind. Throughout the year, we host multiple educational conferences



Find Your Circle

We offer up to 56 groups for those of all ages and capabilities. Group connections have been shown to be a powerful force in helping people with epilepsy and caregivers. Our SHARE (Support, Hope, Advocacy, Resources, Educate) groups offer an excellent opportunity to connect, share, and learn.



Jennifer Cardillo shares how Groups and the Young Leaders Network have helped her daughter, Daphne.

Joseph's Hope Scholarship Fund

Epilepsy Foundation New England's Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to people who live with epilepsy and are seeking post-secondary education or vocational training. We awarded Scholarships totaling \$39,500 in 2025.

Dr. Frank Salituro shares how much the scholarship means to their family.



Annual Blue Skies Challenge



Our grant competition and pitch contest is back! The grant will be in three categories:

- Research in Epilepsy: Innovations in Diagnosis or Treatment
- Research in Epilepsy: Innovations to Improve Quality of Life

In 2025, we awarded \$150,000 in grants to the local research community.

WELCOMING JOHN HEDSTROM, PRESIDENT & CEO

John brings over two decades of leadership experience in nonprofit management, healthcare advocacy, public policy, and association development. Throughout his career, he has built high-performing teams, guided organizations through periods of growth and transformation, and championed mission-driven initiatives that strengthen communities.

Get to know John



kids and family members attended camp



people walked to raise awareness