

# Epilepsy News

Welcome to Epilepsy News. We pride ourselves at sending you the most up-to-date information about epilepsy events, conferences, and issues that are important to you.

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## Quick Links

- [Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey](#)
- [The Family Support Center of New Jersey](#)
- [The Family Resource Network](#)

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## 16 Year Old Raises Money for EFNJ

Stephen Campana, a 16 year old student at Parsippany Hills High School, sold epilepsy awareness bracelets and collected donations from students and teachers from April 12th - 16th. With the help of the Student Council, Stephen raised \$950! All proceeds from the event will be directed toward the Emergency Medication Program. Stephen is planning on hosting the fundraiser again next year.

Thank you Stephen!

## EFNJ Scholarship Opportunity

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey is pleased to announce the existence of a scholarship program for New Jersey high school seniors who have epilepsy. We anticipate offering a least two \$1,000 scholarships.

New Jersey high school seniors with epilepsy who plan to attend a college or university are eligible. Academic achievement, participation in activities and financial need will be considered. The extent of a student's disability(s) will be taken into account as well, so that s/he need not be near the top of her/his class to qualify. Final awards will be made by the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, which reserves the right not to make any awards.

Applications and supporting documents are due May 15, 2009. For an application click [here](#). Please call 800.336.5843 or email [aracioppi@efnj.com](mailto:aracioppi@efnj.com) for more information.

**There is still time to schedule a Thinking About Epilepsy, formerly S.H.A.R.E., at your school!**

In September 2007, the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, through a grant funded by the Anita Kaufmann Foundation, started a new fifth grade education program. The goal is to increase knowledge about epilepsy and seizure first aid in addition to reducing the stigma attached to epilepsy. The program has been introduced statewide and the total number of fifth graders that have participated in the 2008-2009 school year was approximately 8,000.

Currently we still have slots available in the months of May and June.

If you are interested in finding out more about Thinking About Epilepsy please contact Jenna Andolora at [jandolora@efnj.com](mailto:jandolora@efnj.com) or 800.336.5843.

**No Plans on Sunday? Take the Family to the Beach and Walk for Epilepsy!**



# Brighter Tomorrow



**BENEFITING THE FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK**

## Walk for a Brighter Tomorrow Shore Area Walk

When: Sunday, May 16, 2010

Where: Seaside Park, NJ

Registration 11am - Walk 12pm

Please join the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey for a 5k walk on the beautiful Seaside Boardwalk as we raise much needed funds & awareness for individuals & their families living with developmental disabilities & chronic illnesses.

**For more information please visit [www.walkforabrightertomorrow.org](http://www.walkforabrightertomorrow.org)**



**Camp Counselors Wanted for Camp NOVA**

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey's Camp Nova is celebrating its 22nd year in operation. This year camp will be being held from August 15th-21st, with a mandatory training day for counselors on August 14th, at the Linwood MacDonald YMCA camp facility in Branchville, NJ. Camp NOVA is a wonderful opportunity for children and young adults living with epilepsy and other developmental disabilities to enjoy summer camp. Camp NOVA, which provides an exciting and independent camping experience in an environment filled with fun experiences and memories that last a lifetime, is a one-week overnight camp for young people ages 12-28. Camp activities include acting, arts and crafts, boating, fishing, karate, swimming and yoga.

We are currently seeking camp counselors for the week. If you are above the age of 18, have a background of working with individuals with Epilepsy or other developmental disabilities, and are looking to have fun, apply! All counselors are required to have a criminal background check and be certified in CPR and first aid. For an application, please call or email Jenna Andolora at 800.336.5843 or [jandolora@efnj.com](mailto:jandolora@efnj.com).

## Health and Wellness Program, Get FIT, Expands to Bergen County

The Family Resource Network announces the Get FIT FITNESS/INTEGRATION/TRAINING Bergen County Open House on Wednesday, May 19th, 6PM - 8PM at Volt Fitness Glen Rock, NJ.

[Click here for an informational flier!](#)

Contact Beth at (800)367-2345 to RSVP or for more information.

## Northeast Regional Epilepsy Group presents a conference For patients and caretakers in Spanish

"Epilepsy: Cutting edge treatments, epilepsy in the school, epilepsy and the law, social effects"

Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 9AM a 12PM  
Marriott Glenpointe, 100 Frank W Burr Boulevard  
PROGRAM

9:00-9:30 Registration and Breakfast

9:30-9:35 Program introduction Lorna Myers, Ph.D.

9:35-10:05 Marcelo Lancman, M.D. "Epilepsy: How is the diagnosis made and what medications are used?"

10:05-10:30 Lorna Myers, Ph.D. Epilepsy: Myths and misconceptions. Epilepsy at work, interpersonally, and being a mother with epilepsy

10:30-10:50 Evelyn Velis (public school teacher) Epilepsy in the school

10:50-11:15 The legal perspective: Immigration and health. Mariana Vazquez Garcia, attorney at law

11:15-11:45 Marcelo Lancman, M.D. Epilepsy Surgery

11:45-12:00 Surgical Patient testimonial

12:00 Time to ask questions to the speakers

FREE BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Call Lucy from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 5 PM, 201-343-6676

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## Conferencia en español:

"Epilepsia: Cuáles son los tratamientos más avanzados, la epilepsia en la escuela, la ley y temas sociales"

Cuándo: Sábado, 22 de Mayo, 2010, de 9AM a 12PM

Dónde: Marriott Glenpointe, 100 Frank W Burr Boulevard

### PROGRAMA

9:00-9:30 Registración y desayuno

9:30-9:35 Introducción del programa Lorna Myers, Ph.D.

9:35-10:05 Marcelo Lancman, M.D. "Epilepsia: Cómo se diagnostica y qué medicamentos existen?"

10:05-10:30 Lorna Myers, Ph.D. La epilepsia: mal entendida por muchos. Epilepsia en el trabajo, las relaciones con los demás, y las madres con epilepsia

10:30-10:50 Evelyn Velis (maestra de escuela pública) La escuela y la epilepsia

10:50-11:15 La perspectiva legal: Inmigración. Mariana Vazquez Garcia, abogada

11:15-11:45 Marcelo Lancman, M.D. Cirujía de epilepsia

11:45-12:00 Testimonio de una paciente que tuvo cirujía

12:00 Tiempo para hacerle sus preguntas a los presentadores.

**INCLUYE DESAYUNO GRATIS**

Llame a Lucy de Lunes a Viernes, de 9:00 de la mañana a 5 de la tarde

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