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On the move

Recent developments will make support and accurate seizure information easier to access, both for people with epilepsy and the general community.

Where we're heading

IN line with our goal to provide Australians with support from diagnosis, an agreement has been executed for a Registered Nurse from Epilepsy Action to visit the epilepsy clinic at the Sydney Children's Hospital weekly from February. This will give families more information just when they need it. In particular, the many families who visit the clinic from regional areas will be able to access a 'one-stop shop' of medical treatment combined with education and support.

We are also taking steps to help in East Timor, where untreated epilepsy causes significant disability, injuries including serious burns and other health and social consequences.

A Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed with the Prince of Wales Clinical School to co-ordinate the community education component of the East Timor National Epilepsy Training Program.

Epilepsy Action has developed and delivered Community Leader Epilepsy Education since 2005 as part of this program, established to educate the broader community and train healthcare professionals to treat people with epilepsy.

Epilepsy Action is now offering suitably experienced and qualified individuals an opportunity to participate, through funded trips of approximately two weeks to deliver education. Orientation and training will be provided. For further information and applications contact Lisa Todd on 1300 37 45 37.

Watch this space for more news as we work towards our vision of confident living for people with epilepsy.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Epilepsy Action on 1300 37 45 37 for more details on any of the above or email us at epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au.



Your say

Sydney mum Kellie Gielis never goes far from her home in case a seizure occurs. Both her son Aaron, 5, and daughter Abigail, 8, have epilepsy. She says getting connected with others living with epilepsy through Epilepsy Action has helped her survive the tough times. "You feel isolated," she says. "So to talk to people who have experienced it first hand, or work in the field is really important. It gives you the encouragement to go on."

Unlike her brother, Abigail has seizures that medication doesn't control.

In brief...

Come to our camps

Epilepsy Action camps provide fun, connection and a chance for people to share their experiences. Family camps are tailored for children and parents, while youth camps help high-school students to build confidence and friendships in a supervised environment. For more information or to register your interest call Epilepsy Action.

CAMP DATES

- New South Wales 2 to 4 May
- Victoria 23 to 25 May
- Western Australia 30 May to 1 June
- Far North Queensland 27 to 29 June
- Tasmania 15 to 17 August



We thank the following supporters for contributing to our residential camps:

- ANZ Staff Foundation
- Department of Ageing, Disability, and Home Care (DADHC) of NSW
- Fred P. Archer Charitable Trusts (Trust Company)
- Golden Stave Foundation
- United Way Sydney

Advisory group

Are you interested in the broader issues facing people with epilepsy and their families? Following national forums Epilepsy Action held with consumers in 2006 we are now establishing a Service Advisory Group. This will draw upon experiences of a cross section of people living with epilepsy to provide input into our services. To express interest, write to Lisa Todd at GPO Box 9878, SYDNEY 2001.