



2019-2020 Epilepsy Education for Students and School Personnel

Seizure Training for **School Personnel**

A professional training program designed to provide teachers and other school personnel (including transportation) with information they will need to recognize seizures and their impact on students, and respond with appropriate first aid. *This training is also available by webinar (use of webinar is encouraged for locations 1.5 hours or more from Albany).*

Seizures & You: **Take Charge** of the **Facts**

An epilepsy awareness program targeting teens and tweens in middle school and high school. It is part of a multi-year effort to educate teens and pursue the incorporation of epilepsy education units into school system health education and science curricula, or classrooms of teens and tweens with epilepsy.

Seizures & You: **Take Charge** of the **Storm Jr.**

An epilepsy awareness program targeting elementary school aged children in grades K-5. It is part of a multi-year effort to educate children and pursue the incorporation of epilepsy education units into school system health education and science curricula, or classrooms of children with epilepsy.

Cost

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

- An estimated **26,600 children** under the age of 15 in New York State are diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Approximately **1 in 26 people** will be diagnosed with a seizure disorder in their lifetime.
- **One in 3** people with epilepsy **continue to have seizures** despite the best available treatments.
- Students with epilepsy are at **higher risk** for depression, social isolation and poor self-esteem.
- **Medication side effects** may profoundly impact academic performance, even if seizures are controlled.
- Some **seizures may be mistaken** for daydreaming or behavioral problems.

For more information or to schedule a program, please contact:

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