

Fact Sheet

Mission & Vision: The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota leads the fight to stop seizures, find a

cure and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy. Our vision is a world

where people with seizures realize their full potential.

History: The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota (EFMN) began in 1954 as the Minnesota Epilepsy

> League, and is now an affiliate of the national Epilepsy Foundation in Landover, M.D. EFMN is a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3), governed by a local Board of Directors. EFMN has received 11 national awards for innovative programming,

fundraising and national research support.

EFMN serves the entire state of Minnesota and eastern North Dakota, with staff located Service Area:

in St. Paul, Rochester, St. Cloud, Duluth and Fargo.

People Served: In any given year, over 20,000 people receive information about epilepsy through

> EFMN's educational presentations and conferences, information & referral services and support programs. There are nearly 300 youth in the Shining Star program and 100+ kids

attend Camp Oz every summer.

When a person has two or more unprovoked seizures, they have epilepsy. 60,000 **Key Facts:** people in MN and ND have epilepsy—enough people to overflow TCF Bank Stadium.

> 1 in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime, and 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy. Seizures can happen to anyone at any time and in 70% of cases, the cause is unknown.

Epilepsy affects more Americans than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease combined.

Programs & Services: The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota:

> ...is the only non-profit that exclusively serves people affected by seizures in Minnesota and North Dakota.

...provides programs and services to educate, connect and empower people affected by seizures so they can overcome the challenges created by epilepsy.

Educate Connect **Empower**

Seizure Response Trainings Conferences & Workshops Information & Referral **Seizure Smart Schools**

Seizure Smart Communities

Camp OZ **Shining Star Program Peer Support Programs** Young Adult Initiative **Family Events**

Advocacy **Creative Arts Program** Stroll for Epilepsy Volunteering