

- Mission:** The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences, and will work to prevent, control, and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy, and research.
- History:** The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota began in 1954 as the Minnesota Epilepsy League. The Epilepsy Foundation is an affiliate of the national Epilepsy Foundation and governed by a local Board of Directors. The Epilepsy Foundation is a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3). In 2007, the Epilepsy Foundation was named the “Affiliate of the Year” and in 2008 the affiliate received the “Standards of Excellence” rating by the national Epilepsy Foundation.
- Vision:**
- People with epilepsy feel connected and supported.
 - The community has an understanding of epilepsy and knows how to respond to a seizure.
 - There is no stigma associated with epilepsy and/or seizures.
- Service Area:** The Epilepsy Foundation serves the state of Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. Staff are located in St. Paul, Rochester, St. Cloud, Duluth, and Fargo/Moorhead.
- People Served:** In 2008, more than 8,000 people received information about epilepsy through educational presentations and conferences. Information & Referral Services and Advocacy & Support Programs served more than 13,000 people. There are more than 220 kids in the Shining Star Program and 100 kids attended Camp Oz in the summer of 2008.
- Key Messages:**
- Epilepsy:
- Epilepsy is a neurological disorder characterized by seizures and is also referred to as a seizure disorder.
 - Epilepsy is the third most common neurological condition behind stroke and Alzheimer's disease.
 - One in 10 adults have had, or will have, a seizure of some kind in their life.
 - Seizures can happen to anyone at any time.
- Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota:
- The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota is the only non-profit that exclusively serves people affected by seizures in MN and ND.
 - The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota provides programs and services for people affected by seizures so they can find help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Programs & Services:

Educate

Seizure Smart Communities
Seizure First Aid Trainings
Conference & Workshops
Seizure Smart Schools

Connect

Shining Star Program
Get Connected Initiative
Information & Referral
Youth Advisory Council

Empower

Camp Oz
Brainstorms Art Collection
Epilogues Writing Contest
Stroll for Epilepsy