



## **Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island (EFLI) Rebrands to EPIC Long Island *Not A Quiet, Little Agency Anymore***

For over 60 years, the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island has quietly served the Long Island community, evolving from a small organization with a very specialized focus to a \$23 million agency providing multiple layers of services to a complex population of individuals. Since its inception as group of families supporting each other and their loved ones struggling with epilepsy, to the current multi-dimensional focus that has grown beyond services to people with epilepsy and includes individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, the agency has maintained its commitment to high quality care. But it's not growing quietly anymore.

To start, the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island has changed its name to EPIC Long Island. Derived from both the very special people the agency serves and the incredibly talented, compassionate staff, EPIC or *Extraordinary People in Care*, is a name that better reflects the current broad range of services provided by the agency.

With the name change, EPIC Long Island has created an exciting new look, complete with a fresh, modern logo, a revamped interactive website and an increased social media presence. "We should have done this a long time ago," explains CEO & Executive Director, Tom Hopkins, "We have been providing excellent services to thousands of Long Islanders for years." "Now, in this increasingly dynamic environment, it is more important than ever to communicate our strengths to the broader community."

EPIC Long Island's expansion also calls for a more spacious location. The agency headquarters, day programs and clinic services will be moving from Garden City to East Meadow this fall. Chief Operating Officer, Paul Giotis, is clear about the reason for the move, "The significance of the new facility is that we will own it. With each mortgage payment, we will be securing the future of our programs and services."

The programs and services provided by EPIC Long Island will continue to be a critical resource for Long Islanders. The scope of services gives EPIC Long Island a lot to talk about, including:

- **Residential Services:** Fifteen residences across Long Island offer a wide array of services to 130 adults with developmental disabilities in a supervised 24-hour care setting.
- **Community Services:** Community Habilitation, Medicaid Service Coordination, and Community Education focused on furthering education about epilepsy and support for individuals with epilepsy.

- Day Services: Day programs dedicated to maintaining individuals with developmental disabilities in the community, developing independent living skills, and improving social behavior (i.e., Day Habilitation, Program Without Walls and Saturday Respite).
- Mental Health Services: An outpatient mental health clinic that provides high quality, confidential mental health services to adults 18 and over and their families.
- Specialty Clinic Services: An OPWDD licensed clinic that provides in-office services in day programs, group residences and private homes. Fast track evaluations and treatment for adults and children with developmental disabilities available.

EPIC Long Island's vision is to become Long Island's center of excellence for providing premier treatment, care, education and support to those with epilepsy and to individuals with intellectual or emotional challenges. If you have not heard them yet, you will soon.