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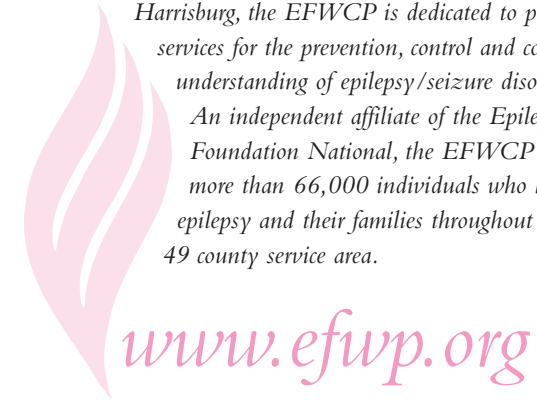
women & epilepsy
Living Life Without
Compromise

A one-day community
event for women who
have epilepsy/seizure
disorders

Saturday,
November 4, 2006
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sheraton Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA

About the Epilepsy Foundation

With offices in Pittsburgh, Erie, Johnstown and Harrisburg, the EFWCP is dedicated to providing services for the prevention, control and community understanding of epilepsy/seizure disorders. An independent affiliate of the Epilepsy Foundation National, the EFWCP supports more than 66,000 individuals who have epilepsy and their families throughout its 49 county service area.



Special Requests

We encourage participation by all individuals. If you have any special needs, advance notification will help us better serve you. Please notify us in advance of any special requests or modifications you may need to benefit from this program.

Registration Fees

A registration fee can be waived by calling 1-800-361-5885. Financial assistance will not be provided to pay for travel or hotel expenses.

Individual Registration . . . \$10.00 per person
Family Registration \$25.00 per family

Special Thanks

This Epilepsy Foundation forum was made possible by a grant from GlaxoSmithKline.



About our Keynote Speakers

JOYCE A. BENDER



Joyce A. Bender is the CEO/President of Bender Consulting Services, Inc. Based in Pittsburgh, Bender Consulting is a national technology consulting firm specializing in creating competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the information technology, engineering, finance/accounting, human resources, and general business areas.

Ms. Bender is the recipient of the 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Epilepsy Foundation National and a 2006 Community Champion. She serves on numerous boards and committees, including as the secretary of the Epilepsy Foundation National and as the chairman of its Legal and Government Affairs Committee. She is also a board member of the Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central PA and hosts the radio show "Disability Matters with Joyce Bender" on www.voiceamerica.com.

DENISE L. PEASE



Denise L. Pease is the Assistant Comptroller of Commercial Banking in the Office of the New York Comptroller William C. Thompson Jr. In this capacity, she is the Comptroller's liaison to New York City's diverse banking community and advises him on banking, consumer and economic development issues that affect the residents of New York City and the financial services industry.

Ms. Pease has worked with a number of organizations that advocate for people recovering from head trauma and/or have epilepsy. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation National and a member of the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater New York.

About our Keynote Speakers (cont.)

PATRICIA DEAN



Ms. Patricia Dean is Clinical Coordinator of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Centre at Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, Florida. Ms. Dean received her BS in Nursing from Downstate Medical Centre and her Masters of Nursing at the University of Miami. Ms. Dean is nationally recognized for her work with children with epilepsy and has been involved with the consumer side of epilepsy on local, state, and national levels. Ms. Dean is on the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation National and President of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. Ms. Dean is the recipient of the Medical Services Award from the Epilepsy Foundation of South Florida and the Volunteer of the Year from the national organization. Ms. Dean served on the Governor's Task Force on Epilepsy and is a highly sought-after lecturer and has published numerous articles. Ms. Dean's research interests are on the antecedents of developmental pathology in intractable epilepsy and self-management skills in epilepsy.

We Hope You Can Join Us!

The Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania (EFWCP) is thrilled to host its first-ever conference focused specifically on the issues facing women living with epilepsy/seizure disorders. We invite everyone interested in the topic - women of all ages who are affected by epilepsy; their loved ones, caregivers, and friends; and healthcare providers - to join us for a day full of information, networking, and fun. You will hear from experts on a variety of subjects, be inspired by our keynote speakers, and get to meet other women who understand what it's like to live with epilepsy. And join us for our health & wellness fair, which will include bone density and blood pressure screenings, massages, and much more. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Women & Epilepsy: Living Life Without Compromise

A one-day community event for women who have epilepsy/seizure disorders.

Schedule of Events

8:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome
9:15 - 10:00 AM	Women & Epilepsy: Framing the Issues Patricia Dean, ARNP, MSN Miami Children's Hospital <i>An overview of the impact epilepsy can have on women, including issues relating to hormones, pregnancy, and parenting.</i>
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 - 11:00 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Select One) WORKSHOP A Managing Reproductive Health & Epilepsy – The Neurology Perspective James Valeriano, M.D. Allegheny Neurological Associates <i>The neurologist's perspective on managing hormones, planning pregnancy, managing epilepsy medications and seizures during pregnancy, and the diagnosis of catamenial epilepsy.</i>
	WORKSHOP B Women, Epilepsy & Aging Marina Zaretskaya, M.D. Greater Pittsburgh Neurology, P.C. <i>Learn more about osteoporosis & bone loss, early menopause, the effects of menopause on seizures, and the effects of epilepsy treatment on bone loss.</i>
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Break

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

(Select One)

WORKSHOP C

Managing Reproductive Health & Epilepsy – The OB/GYN Perspective

Brian A. Clark, Ph.D, M.D.
Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh

Information about pregnancy planning, the effects of epilepsy treatment on the developing baby, delivery, post-partum depression, and genetic counseling.

WORKSHOP D

Women, Epilepsy & Lifestyle Issues

Carol Schramke, Ph.D.
Allegheny Neurological Associates

A discussion about the role epilepsy can play in cognition, mood disorders, and social isolation.

12:00 - 1:30 PM

LUNCH SESSION and KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Women with Epilepsy Making a Difference

Joyce A. Bender

CEO, Bender Consulting Services, Inc.

Denise L. Pease

Director of Commercial Banking, Office of the
New York City Comptroller

1:45 – 2:30 PM

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Women & Epilepsy: Personal Perspectives

(Select One)

PANEL 1—

Teens & Young Women

Teenagers and young adults talk about dating, driving, going away to school, and becoming independent.

PANEL 2—

Women & Family Life

Women who have managed pregnancy and epilepsy discuss their experiences.

2:30 - 3:00 PM

NETWORKING SESSION

A final opportunity for the audience to interact, meet one another, share experiences and enjoy light refreshments.

Registration Information

Please complete this registration form and return it with payment by October 25, 2006 to: Francine Reyher, EFWCP, 1323 Forbes Avenue, Suite 102, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, OR register online at www.efwcp.org.

Make checks payable to the EFWCP.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: [_____] _____

Home Phone: [_____] _____

Email Address: _____

Individual Registration: \$10.00

Family Registration: \$25.00

Workshop Selections

Please select one workshop for each of the three sessions listed below.

SESSION I: Select One Workshop

Workshop A: Managing Reproductive Health & Epilepsy – The Neurology Perspective

Workshop B: Women, Epilepsy & Aging

SESSION II: Select One Workshop

Workshop C: Managing Reproductive Health & Epilepsy – The OB/GYN Perspective

Workshop D: Women, Epilepsy & Lifestyle Issues

SESSION III: Select One Panel

Panel 1: Teens & Young Women

Panel 2: Women & Family Life

Child Care Services

Pre-registration is required in order to use childcare services. Will you need on-site child care at the conference?

Yes No

The EFWCP will contact you prior to the conference to discuss your child's interests and needs.