

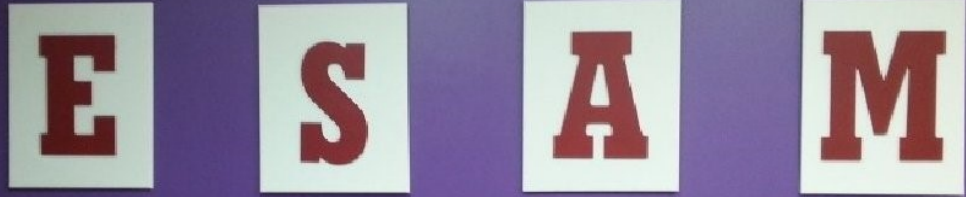
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Share your experience



Sharing stories and experiences can help people feel less alone, promote awareness and understanding and bring us together in shared experiences.

ESAM would like to start a Purple Day campaign where we share your stories, how epilepsy has impacted your life, what you want people to know, to understand and to learn about epilepsy.

In the month of March, we will share these on our social media and on our website.

If you are interested in sharing, or for more information, please contact Sara at esam@manitobaepilepsy.org or 204-783-0466

Manitoba to launch disability income support program in 2023

December 15, 2022—Government of Manitoba News Release

The Manitoba government is officially launching Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities, a new disability income support program that will provide better supports and services for Manitobans living with severe and prolonged disabilities, Families Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for accessibility announced today.

“Our government heard that Manitobans wanted us to create a new income support program for persons with disabilities separate from Employment and Income Assistance (EIA), and we responded with concrete action,” said Squires. “We passed Bill 72, the Disability Support Act and Amendments to the Manitoba Assistance Act in October 2021 to lay the foundation for this new support framework. We then engaged with the public and stakeholders and consulted a dedicated community advisory committee to tailor a program that responds to the specific needs of clients.” Clients who enrol in the Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities program will have access to the same financial, health and other benefits available to EIA clients. The minister also noted that the basic needs amount will be indexed annually to inflation effective April 1, 2023.

Clients enrolled in the program will also receive:

- an assigned financial worker to issue monthly benefits;
 - increased benefits of approximately \$100 per month;
 - laundry and phone allowances automatically added to budgets;
 - ability to earn up to \$12,000 per year before benefits are impacted; and
- access to health benefits for two years after a file closes.

Clients can also choose to access a comprehensive suite of person-centred community navigation supports including referrals to other programs and benefits, assistance with building support networks, and help to increase community participation and inclusion, added Squires.

“These changes are exciting and myself and other members of the disability community in Manitoba are pleased to see them begin to roll out in January,” said Jessica Croy, special advisor to the minister on disability-related issues.

The program enrolment will open in two phases.

On Jan. 1, 2023, enrolment will open to Manitobans currently receiving EIA through the persons with disabilities category who are in one of three prescribed classes:

- people who receive services from Community Living disABILITY Services;
 - people who live in personal care homes; and
- people who are receiving the Canada Pension Plan disability benefit.

Individuals in these prescribed classes will not need to provide any new financial or medical information and will receive information in the coming weeks on migrating to the new program.

A centralized intake and financial assessment will determine if individuals are financially eligible to participate in the disability impact assessment.

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The minister also noted the Disability Support Regulation was recently open to a consultation period intended to seek feedback from the community. A series of engagement sessions have been facilitated to gather input on the contents of the regulation and program design. The feedback collected continues to be carefully considered and, in combination with ongoing consultation and partnership with the community, will be used to support the continuous improvement of the new program following the launch.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the community as the Manitoba Supports program rolls out as part of transforming income assistance to provide services that are better tailored to the specific needs of clients,” said Squires. “We are focused on building programs that assess each client’s situation and can meet them where they are at to provide them the assistance they need.” For more information on the Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities Program and an online portal for submitting documents, visit: <https://gov.mb.ca/fs/manitobasupports/index.html>.

For more information:

Public information, contact Manitoba Government Inquiry: 1-866-626-4862 or 204-945-3744.

Purple Day Awareness



Do you have a landmark, business or building that you would love to see lit up purple in support of epilepsy awareness on March 26th?

Do you know of a business that might put a Purple Day message on a digital sign?

We’d love to hear from you with your suggestions and ideas for places to contact for support with lighting and messaging on Purple Day!

Please feel free to contact the ESAM offices at 204-783-0466, or contact Laura at epilepsy.seizures@gmail.com or Sara at esam@manitobaepilepsy.org.



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Purple Day Bunny Hop



Calling all organizations that work with school age children across Manitoba!
Register your group for the Purple Day Bunny Hop in support of epilepsy awareness!

How does it work?

When a group (daycare/preschool/school/nursery school) registers, children collect pledges in support of completing 100 hops in support of the 100 people who will be diagnosed with epilepsy in Canada this year. Each group receives a registration kit complete with pledge forms, purple day bracelets, and a book on epilepsy. This year we are giving out Zeba and the Seizure.

Each group who registers is automatically entered to win one of three random draw prizes of a \$50.00 gift card, just for signing up! Prizes to be awarded to the organization who raises the most in funds.

ESAM Purple Pumpkin Project Display on Halloween

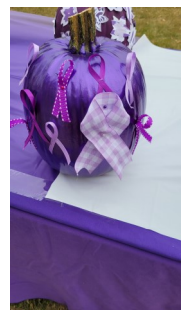


ESAM set up a Purple Pumpkin Project display on Halloween. We gave out Halloween treats and epilepsy resources.



Check out the amazing display that Laura made this year of the Simpsons as Purple Pumpkins. Amazing job, Laura!!!!!!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit and to ask questions about the Purple Pumpkin Project!



Purple Pumpkin Contest



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2022 Purple Pumpkins for Epilepsy Contest. There were so many wonderful and creative entries.



Purple Day Art Contest

Purple Day Art Contest Contest

Decorate your wall, window or door in purple art in support of Purple Day.

AWESOME PRIZES!

No fee to enter

Send pictures of contest entries to epilepsy.seizures@gmail.com

Open to all residents of Manitoba

Annual General Meeting 2022



ESAM held our Annual General Meeting September 15 2022 at the historic St. Boniface Museum. Thank you to all that attended. This was our first in-person event in two years and it was wonderful to see people again.



Maurice Dumontier Memorial Golf Tournament

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MAURICE DUMONTIER MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT IN SUPPORT OF EPILEPSY
AND SEIZURE ASSOCIATION OF
MANITOBA



Membership Renewal

April 1 2023-March 31 2024

Membership – Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba

4 – 1805 Main Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 2A2

**Name: (Please
Print)** _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ **Telephone:** _____

_____ **I would like to renew my membership to the Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba for the year April 1 2023-March 31,2024. Cost is \$10.00.**

_____ **I am a new member and would like to join the Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba for the year April 1 2023-March 31 2024**

Please send my newsletter to me:

_____ By regular post, to the address I listed above

_____ By email. My email address is _____

_____ I would prefer not to receive a newsletter
