



2015 - 2018 Strategic Plan

VISION

Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre will be an organization that engenders knowledge, confidence and determination in its members and partners.

MISSION

Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre is a vibrant and welcoming non-profit society whose purpose is to enhance clients,' families' and communities' ability to manage the physical, psychological and social effects of Parkinson's and epilepsy.

VALUES

At HeadWay, Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson's Centre we:

- Inspire hope and support individual empowerment;
- Respect the dignity of our clients and colleagues;
- Recognize the complexity of individuals based on their life experiences;
- Understand that we are all teachers and learners;
- Acknowledge and appreciate diversity in culture, ability, and identity;
- Believe that all individuals should have access to services and that access should not be limited based on their capacity to pay;
- Are stewards of resources and accountable to our members;
- Demonstrate ethical practice in all aspects of our work and honour our clients' privacy;
- Believes in the active participation of members, staff and the Board in developing and implementing the philosophy of the organization; and
- Use an approach that is person- and family- centered and that encourages cooperation between organizations and professionals involved in the lives of people with epilepsy and Parkinson's

Founded in 1982 to enhance the lives of those in the Victoria Capital Regional District with epilepsy and Parkinson's, the Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre is the area's resource for information, support, and education services. Originally started as an outreach office of the Vancouver Neurological Centre, by 1986 the Victoria Epilepsy Association and the Victoria Parkinson's Support Group, with support from the United Way, decided to share office space and administrative tasks. That marriage of opportunity which created a dual-service agency -- serving people with epilepsy and Parkinson's -- has over the years become an organizational strength, keeping administrative costs low thereby providing more services and supports to our clients and the community.

The Centre strives to empower people affected by epilepsy and Parkinson's to lead active lives; fully participating in their community. They do this by providing answers, connecting people with needed resources, and creating a knowledgeable and understanding community.

Specific program coordinators assist people to cope with the effects of these health conditions. They have expertise with epilepsy and Parkinson's and have access to current and relevant information, research, and community support and advocacy services.