



# Disability Matters

with Host Joyce Bender

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**Disability Matters**  
Tuesday at 11 AM Pacific  
**November 9th 2021: Epilepsy Alliance America**

As November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month, Joyce welcomes two members of the board of Epilepsy Alliance America, Allison DeBattista, founding member and serves as board member of the Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana Also Liza Gundell, Chief Executive Officer of Epilepsy Services of New Jersey. Epilepsy Alliance America is a nation-wide network of community-based epilepsy organizations who are dedicated to confronting the spectrum of challenges created by seizures through the promotion of independence and quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families. Among the topics discuss

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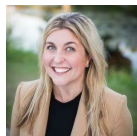
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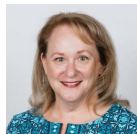
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#### Allison DeBattista

Allison is a founding member of Epilepsy Alliance America and serves as a board member of the Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana During the time she was Executive Director, she was responsible for implementing the organization's business plan to advance its goals and achieve its mission. Allison increased the budget by 88 percent with sustainable funding and raised more than \$1 million for epilepsy services. But she will tell you that her greatest accomplishment has been teaching others how to self-advocate. Currently, Allison is a director on the public affairs team at Moore and is responsible for coalition building, stakeholder engagement, and public relations. She has experience in the health ca

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#### Liza Gundell

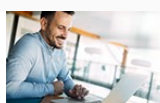
Liza Gundell is the Chief Executive Officer of Epilepsy Services of New Jersey (ESNJ). She has worked for the organization for 27 years. Liza has actively worked on a number of national and state initiatives around Social Security, Employment, Healthcare and Prevention. She has lead advocacy efforts in New Jersey for people with epilepsy on significant issues such as driving, education, employment, Danielle's Law, generic substitution and most recently non-medical switching and limiting out of pocket costs for medication. Her efforts lead to the establishment of an Epilepsy Task Force that was developed to make recommendations to the Governor on what is needed to educate the public and health

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