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“Children living with epilepsy are at risk for problems with behavioral and social adjustment according to a study published in Epilepsy and Behavior. This particular study focused on the impact of maternal anxiety on childhood epilepsy. The findings of this study suggest that a mother’s anxiety about her child’s epilepsy may have an impact on her child’s social development. The data from this study also suggests that interventions that help mothers develop more resources for coping with stress may help to alleviate some of the problems common in this group of children.”(Epilepsy & Behavior 7 (2005) 246-252). While this particular study focused on mothers of children with epilepsy, the same may be true for all parents of children living with this chronic and unpredictable condition. It only makes sense that stress and anxiety impacts parenting style which in turn can impact the behavioral and social adjustment of the child. As parents of children living with epilepsy, this is not a surprise to us. However, this study reminds us of the need to take care of ourselves as parents and caregivers, and to connect to social supports and resources that will help us to deal with the stress and anxiety that comes with caring for our children. Raising a child with epilepsy is a journey, and it is important to remember that with all the ups and downs along way, it can be a hopeful journey. With this in mind, we invite you to join the Matty Fund on August 25th, 2011 to share in one family’s journey. We look forward to seeing you!

- Richard and Debra Siravo

A Talk for Parents on Epilepsy - August 25, 2011 – Don’t Miss it!

Childhood Epilepsy A Hopeful Perspective

With Parent **Linda Lynch**
 and Dr. **John Gaitanis, Pediatric Epileptologist**



The Matty Fund will host a talk with **Linda Lynch**, as she discusses her experiences as a mother of a child who has grown up with epilepsy. Linda will share her story of hope and the ups and downs she, her son and her family have faced along the way.

Special guest, **John Gaitanis, MD - Pediatric Neurologist/Epileptologist** will present and answer questions.

Thursday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Bristol Room B
801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick RI

This is a **free event** sponsored by **The Matty Fund**. Advance Registration is required
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