

## Psychologist's change of mind brings career satisfaction

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"If anybody had said to me you're goling to end up in health administration, I would have thought they were crazy," the executive director of the Epilepsy Center of Michigan said.

In college, Shapiro was turned on by psychology and received his masters degree from Wayne State University. The West Bloomfielf resident began as a psychologist in an Oakland County Mental Health Clinic. He was promoted to program director for one of their branch offices and then became administrative director for all branches. Appreciating that his career was worth of the service of the program of the career was worth of the control of the program of the progr

r tunix it's uniortunate we made de-cisions so soon," he continued. "I'm in-terested now in things I was totally un-aware of before. I could still see myself totally changing my field. I was not aware of so many possibilities."

ELT FOR NOW Shapiro is captivated by the challenges and opportunities his current post affords. Hired to bring in more funds and expand the services of the non-profit, statewide epilepsy center, he has done that that.

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During five years as director, Shapiro has helped double the Detroit-based agency's revenues — from \$350,000 to \$700,000 annually.

A one-year certificate course in auto-

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The one-year program includes most of the technical courses offered in the two-year degree program but eliminates English, math, practical speech, American government, personnel management, merchandising and custcmer service.

"Don't try to stop it" and "reassure them afterwards," he urges. "They have no knowledge of what happened to them." FUNDS FOR and public knowledge

Shapiro had never viewed a seizure himself when he became director of the epilepsy center. That is no longer true.

of epilepsy are deficient partly because it affects such a small percentage of the population (1 percent in Michigan) and is not a killer, according to Shapi-

and is not a activative disease," no. "It is also not an attractive disease," he acknowledges. "It doesn't evoke the sympathy of a leukemia vicitm." Our mannered, rigid society today doesn't allow for "someone who has lost

allow for "someone who has lost control."

Although most epilepsy first occurs in children and can be controlled through medication, there is no known cause or cure.

Shapiro is pushing for a National Institute of Health grant toward a comprehensive epilepsy study in conjunction with Wayne State University and Detroit metronolitan area hospitals.



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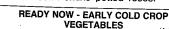
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School. "Goldberg's survey of 130 Michigam pharmacies revealed that in a recent one-year period only 2.6 percent of a possible 15 million prescriptions were filled with a generic substitute. "Blue Cross-Blue Shield tried, as possible 15 million prescriptions were filled with a generic substitute. "This means that the savings to the consumer we projected at the time of consumer we projected at the time of

House Majority Floor Leader Joe Forbes, D-Southfield/Oak Park, and Rep. H. Lynn Jondahl, D-East Lansing, will introduce a resolution calling for essition of a special committee to increase the state of the species of the special committee to increase the special content of t

"Is there a need for an incentive to substitute the generic? If the law really is not working, how can we make it more workable? Do we have to educate the people more about generics?





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