

Creating a Better Future for Survivors of Brain Injury and Their Families

SUPPORT

Support Groups: Monthly meetings are held throughout the state of Missouri. These support groups are open for survivors of brain injury as well as their families. Many meetings offer separate groups for persons with brain injury and one for family and friends to provide opportunities for open discussion among survivors of brain injury and their families on issues they are facing, as well as listen to area speakers regarding relevant topics and services available.

Referral Services: Many survivors of brain injury and their families do not know where to turn as they face the unknown challenges of brain injury. They turn to the Brain Injury Association of Missouri.

We help individuals and families identify available resources within their community. Through our statewide toll-free number we are a phone call away.

RECREATION

Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp: This supervised residential camp provides persons with brain injury an exciting week of recreational and social activities that are adapted for individual abilities. Family members receive a week of respite from daily care-giving.

Social Activities: Each month organized events give survivors of brain injury and their families the opportunity for fun and the company of others who truly understand, in a welcoming, adapted environment.

EDUCATION

State Conference: The Brain Injury Association of Missouri Annual Statewide Conference is the only conference in Missouri dedicated to current trends, innovative therapeutic strategies and cutting edge programming for treating persons with brain injury. Attendance at the conference includes healthcare professionals, rehabilitation specialists, community workers, advocates, vocational rehabilitation specialists, case managers, social workers, survivors of brain injury and family members.

Survivor and Family Regional Seminars: One-Day educational seminars are held at various regions to provide opportunities for survivors of brain injury and family members to learn from professionals in the field of brain injury and well as survivors and family members. The same sessions are held at each Regional Seminar.

ADVOCACY

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is a leading advocate for individuals with brain injury. We focus on a broad range of issues affecting individuals with brain injuries and their families, including access to services and prevention of brain injuries.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is a non-profit organization funded through contributions and memberships from individuals, businesses and foundations. Tax-deductible memberships and charitable contributions are appreciated as we continue to serve survivors of brain injury, families, and professionals who care for them.

Eighty-six percent of revenue directly supports programs for the individuals we serve.

*The Mission of the Brain Injury Association of Missouri
Is to reduce the incidence of brain injury; to promote acceptance,
independence and productivity of persons with brain injury; and
to support their families and caregivers.*



Membership Matters

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The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) helps thousands of individuals and families affected by brain injury each year. Our programs support education, recreation, and advocacy and are offered for persons with brain injury, their families, professionals who care for them and the community. Your Membership matters and together we can create better futures for survivors of brain injury and their families.

How Your Membership Matters

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is an intrusion, blow or jolt to the head that disrupts the normal functioning of the brain. The severity of a brain injury may range from mild to severe and may result in functional changes in thinking, sensation, language, and emotions.

The brain injury incident often occurs in an instant, but has a lasting impact on the individual and his or her families and friends.

The primary causes of traumatic brain injuries are falls (35%), motor vehicle crashes (17%), and being struck by or against an object (16%).

Make Your Membership Matter

Benefits of membership:

- Discount to the BIA-MO Annual Statewide Conference.
- BIA-MO *Membership Matters* periodic newsletter.
- The Brain Injury Association of America *The Challenge* quarterly magazine.
- One year subscription to *The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation* for Professional and Corporate Members.
- Knowing you are part of the Voice of Brain Injury and having an impact.

Every 18 seconds someone sustains a brain injury. By the time you complete this Membership form another child or adult will have sustained a brain injury. Make your Membership matter and sign-up today.

Brain Injury Association of Missouri Membership

My annual membership is a New Membership Renewed Membership

Points of Light (\$500 or more) Professional (\$70 or more)

Corporate Membership (\$500 or more) with link from BIA-MO List my Professional Membership on BIA-MO website

Website address for link: _____ Family/Individual (\$35 or more)

Corporate/Organization (\$200 or more) without link Survivor of brain injury (free)

Donation in addition to my Membership \$ _____

Name _____ Day Phone: (____) _____

Company/Agency _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

NOTE: Personal information is for BIA-MO use only, including Membership benefits and recognition of your support.

I prefer correspondence sent by email _____

Payment: Check payable to *Brain Injury Association of Missouri* or credit card.

Visa Discover MasterCard # _____ Exp Date _____ V-Code (on back) _____

Cardholder billing address (if different than above) _____ Zip Code _____

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