

*"Our Community Resource Specialist has been invaluable to us; she provides insight, ideas and guidance. She continually follows up and is very caring, honest and realistic with her suggestions."*

*"My son's Community Resource Specialist gave me the emotional support I needed at a very difficult time. She knew the right questions to ask so my son could get the supports he needed. I am so grateful to her!"*

*"The Community Resource Specialist assigned to us has gone above and beyond to help my family after my daughter's brain injury. She quickly returned my phone calls and patiently answered all of our questions. We love her!"*

*"I have never met a more supportive group of people than those at the BIANJ."*



*Small steps  
equal  
BIG change*

**The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey** is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life people experience after brain injury.

Since being founded in 1981 by a small group of concerned parents of children who had sustained brain injury, we've grown to become the primary source of information, education, advocacy, support, and hope for people with brain injury and their families in New Jersey. Today, our dedicated staff, board, volunteers, donors, and community partners provide service to 10,000 New Jerseyans each year.



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## FAMILY SUPPORT

**A care coordination program  
for children and adolescents with  
brain injuries and their families**



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# BRAIN INJURY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Brain injury happens in an instant.** The impact and emotional toll, both to the individual and loved ones, can be devastating, but you do not need to face it alone. Areas of difficulty that an individual might experience after brain injury include physical, cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and social. Even with the most mild brain injury, a concussion, consequences can be long term and serious. At the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, our *Community Resource Specialists* are here to help you and your family.

*Support services that strengthen New Jersey families, today and tomorrow*

BIANJ offers a no cost Family Support program that provides supports and services for children and adolescents with brain injuries and their families from the time of injury, through the rehabilitation process and beyond. Our knowledgeable and experienced *Community Resource Specialists* will become your primary resource of information, education, advocacy and hope.

## BRAIN INJURY AFFECTS THE WHOLE FAMILY

### *Who is eligible?*

To qualify for Family Support, the family must live in New Jersey and be eligible for services through the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

The Family Support Program is funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

For more information, contact the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's helpline at 1-800-669-4323 (in New Jersey) or 732-745-0200.

## THERE IS NO COST TO FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM

### *Family Support*

Provides free care coordination to help families access needed services and supports such as:

- Resource exploration to find services appropriate for the individual and families.
- Networking and linking individuals and families to other sources of support to meet some of their needs.
- Brokering with community-based services to find or modify existing programs for the individual with brain injury.
- Education on various aspects of brain injury for the family, individual, and social service agencies.
- Advocacy on behalf of individuals and families when working with social service and other agencies.
- Supports for school systems in assisting students with brain injury, including concussion. The Alliance offers access to traveling workshops on *Brain Injury in Students and Concussion in the Classroom*, and support in developing a Concussion Management Team.

*Our Community Resource Specialists are:*

Considerate Empowering Engaging Dedicated Understanding Problem-solvers Caring  
Supportive Intuitive Connectors Free Advocates  
Thorough Helpful Understanding Professional Compassionate Creative Respectful Courteous



*Our mission is to support and advocate for individuals affected by brain injury and raise awareness through education and prevention.*