

COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY AND PLANNING

VIDEOS

Exploring Life Options After Brain Injury

Michael W Davis, CBIST, and Patricia Jackson, BS, CBIS, 2007

This video reviews quality of life concerns after discharge, including community living options, vocational and recreational opportunities, and person centered planning. (56 minutes)

Self-Determination: The Sean Tease Story

Brain Injury Association of America, 2001

A story of a family that wouldn't let the tragedy of brain injury take away their son's identity. This video shows the importance of self-determination. (9 minutes)

Still Friends? Friends Still!

Robyn Littlefore, 2004

This video is about how brain injury changes relationships. This DVD features frank conversations by friends about the rewards and difficulties of remaining friends with a peer who has been changed by brain injury. (30 minutes)

The Community Re-Entry and Planning category has materials about returning to the social community after sustaining brain injury, and tools for enabling community re-entry by helping with financial and other skills.

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BOOKS

The ABCs of Brain Education

Janeide Chillis, 2009

A book for children about the seriousness of brain injury. It is an alphabet book in which each letter covers some topic about brain injury. (28 pages)

After Brain Injury, Telling Your Story: A Journaling Workbook

Barbara Stahura and Susan Schuster, MA, CCC-SLP, 2009

This workbook guides brain injury survivors in the healing experience of telling their stories with simple journaling techniques. By writing journal entries, they can explore challenges and milestones as they rebuild their lives. (112 pages)

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Billy Butterfly Tries

Cindy Koneczny, 2009

This colorful book features Billy Butterfly as he tries to compete in the Insect Olympics with a sore wing. Written by a survivor of a brain injury, this is a story of perseverance and hope. (32 pages)

Brain Injury Isn't Funny – But Humor Helps You Cope

William C. Jarvis, Ed. D

Bill Jarvis shows how humor can help you not only survive, but move forward with hope & zest for the life you are rebuilding. There is truth in the old saying: "Sometimes laughter is the best medicine!" (29 pages)

Brain Injury: It is a Journey

Flora Hammond, MD and Tami Guerrier, BS, 2006

This manual gives families information on brain injuries; help them understand the rehabilitation process; prepares them for what to expect as the person is discharged home; and describes different community resources. (72 pages)

Brain Injury Rewiring: For Loved Ones

Carolyn E Dolen, MA, 2010

This book describes the injured brain and initial recovery. It explores how loved ones can help the survivor heal with traditional and complementary medicine and nutrition. (316 pages)

Brain Injury Rewiring: For Survivors

Carolyn Dolen, MA, 2010

This book discusses medical care, and goes beyond that to help the survivor heal through traditional and complementary medicine and good nutrition. The companion book, Brain Injury Rewiring for Loved Ones, describes how family and friends of the survivor can help the survivor during recovery. (332 pages)

The Brain Injury Source Book

National Resource Center for Traumatic Brain Injury, 1999

This book compiles answers to frequently asked questions asked by persons with brain injury, family members, friends, and professionals. Whether you are a person with brain injury, a family member, friend, or a professional working with a person with brain injury, answers to your questions are in this book. (225 pages)

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Brain Injury Survivors Guide: Welcome to Our World

Larry Jameson and Beth Jameson, 2007

This book was written by a survivor and her family. Learn the strategies Beth used to overcome cognitive and behavioral problems after her brain injury. Lists and planning tools provide a way to compensate for these various deficits. (200 pages)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Recovering from Traumatic Brain Injuries

Amy Newmark

and Dr. Carolyn Roy-Bornstein, 2014

Whether you are recovering from a TBI or supporting someone with a TBI, this collection will uplift and inspire. These stories by TBI survivors and those who love and support them, will encourage you and your family on your road to recovery. (435 pages)

Choosing Home or Residential Care: A Guide for Families

Marilyn Lash, MSW, 1998

Based on the experiences of families who have raised for their children at home, and families who moved their children to a residential program. Professionals who have talked with families share their knowledge and expertise. (59 pages)

Coping with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

Diane Roberts Stoler, 1998

Having gone through a mild traumatic brain injury herself, Dr. Stoler provides help for others with MTBI, families and friends. Using clear language, she looks the brain and how it can be injured, diagnostic procedures and treatments. (284 pages)

Elvin: The Elephant Who Forgets

Heather Snyder, 1998

A story about "Elvin", an elephant who has a tree branch fall on his head. The book helps children and their friends and classmates to understand what it's like to have a brain injury. (16 pages)

Explaining Brain Injury, Blast Injury and PTSD to Children and Teens

Marilyn Lash, MSW, Janelle Breese Biagioni, Tonya Hellard, 2009

When a parent is injured, children often feel confused and anxious. This guide helps parents explain the changes that can follow a brain injury, blast injury or PTSD. Using examples from children of all ages, it helps children understand their emotional reactions to a parent's injury or PTSD (80 pages)

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The Get Well Soon... Balloon!

Vicki Sue Parker, 2005

Inspired by her daughter's reaction to her injury, Vicki wrote a book to help family members guide children in understanding the effects of a brain injury. (16 pages)

Getting Better and Better After Brain Injury: A Guide for Families, Friends and Caregivers

National Resource Center for Traumatic Brain Injury, 1999

Life after brain injury can be challenging, for the survivor, and for those who know and love them. This guide is packed with practical ideas to help those who want to help. (187 pages)

A House for All Children

Richard V Olsen, PhD, 2000

This book provides guidelines for creating a safe and supportive home environment for children with disabilities. It explores the range of physical, social, and emotional supports. (112 pages)

How to Get Services by Being Assertive

Charlotte Des Jardins, 1993

Many parents and professionals encounter difficulties in finding services for children with disabilities. This book is written for parents and professionals dealing with this frustration. (208 pages)

I Know You Won't Forget

Story by Truly Blessed Ink, Illustrations by Carol Jordan, 2007

This is about a boy whose mom had a brain injury. He shows how a TBI affects the family and how issues can be resolved. The book was written and illustrated by survivors of brain injury. (40 pages)

It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend

Richard Lavoie, 2005

This book offers strategies to help learning-disabled children navigate the turbulence of school, home and community. The author provides methods and instructions for helping the learning disabled child through nearly any social situation. (394 pages)

Ketchup on the Baseboard: Rebuilding Life after Brain Injury

Carolyn Rocchio, 2004

This book tells Carolyn and her family's journey after her son sustained a brain injury. She describes stages of his recovery and the emotions and dynamics of her family. (280 pages)

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Learning to Live with Yourself after Brain Injury

Jeffrey Sebell, 2014

This book provides the insights you need to use the tools you have been given in a way that allows you to get the most out of them. (96 pages)

Living Life Fully After Brain Injury

Robert T. Fraser, Kurt L. Johnson, Kathleen Bell, 2011

This is a valuable resource for life after brain injury, containing chapters by experts, and assessing topics like community living with practical strategies and printable worksheets. (211 pages)

Living with Blast Injuries, PTSD and TBI

Lash Publications, 2012

Designed as an reference for veterans, caregivers and families, this collection of articles has tips and strategies that address issues common to veterans with PTSD, concussion or TBI. (160 pages)

Living with Brain Injury: A Guide for Families

Richard Senelick and Kathy Ryan, 2002

This updated edition helps families with support and information about options available to them. Complete with a section on neuroplasticity and rehabilitation research, Living with Brain Injury helps readers through new, uncharted territory. (270 pages)

Lost & Found: A Survivor's Guide to Reconstructing Life After Brain Injury

Barbara J Webster, 2011

This workbook for survivors and families contains tips, strategies, and accommodations to address life's daily challenges. The author presents an approach for overcoming challenges. (196 pages)

Love, Honor, & Value: A Family Caregiver Speaks Out

Suzanne Geffen Mintz, 2002

This book attempts to make a positive difference in the lives of caregivers trying to find their way through the maze of caregiving in our "quicker and sicker" healthcare system (204 pages)

Missing Pieces: Mending the Head Injury Family

Marilyn Colter Maxwell, 2004

This book has helped many families struggling with brain injury. Written by a wife and mother who's been there, Missing Pieces offers understanding for each family's struggle. (164 pages)

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Negotiating the Special Education Maze

Winifred Chitwood, Deidre Hayden & Cherie Takemoto, 2008

Reviews the special education process, and tips and strategies for developing an effective special education program. (264 pages)

Never-Ending Journey: The Intensive Care Unit

Dayla Maisey, 2011

This book helps you navigate through the stressful environment of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after someone close to you is brain injured. The book integrates technical, practical and emotional advice to help you make sense of what's happening. (134 pages)

Overcoming Grief

Janet P. Niemeier, Ph.D., and Robert L. Karol, Ph.D., 2010

This workbook provides information on symptoms and coping skills following a brain injury, and stresses the role of support systems in adjustment after brain injury. The authors guide readers through the emotions and grieving that is part of brain injury. (240 pages)

Pocket Tips for Caregivers

Marilyn Lash, MSW, and Janet Cromer, RN, 2013

A pocket guide with suggestions and strategies for coping with the stress, responsibilities and demands of caregiving. Family members caring for wounded veterans will find this helpful. (115 pages)

Possibilities: A Financial Resource Book for Parents

National Endowment for Financial Education, 2001

A straightforward guide to money management and financial resources for parents, which outlines step-by-step financial management techniques and provides many resources. (62 pages)

Rachel's Brain Game

Designed by Special Tree, Ltd, 2009

This board game helps children share their feelings about a loved one with a brain injury. It teaches children about brain injury and strengthens relationships in the process.

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Recovering Relationships after Brain Injury

Jeff Kreutzer, Laura Taylor and Lee Irvington, 2005

Loss of relationships may be one of the greatest casualties of brain injury. This book helps survivors and family members understand how brain injury changes roles, relationships, emotions, and communication, and how to help recover relationships. (34 pages)

Reflections from a Different Journey

Stanley Klein, 2004

Many parents of children with disabilities would benefit from hearing from people who have lived the experience and can provide information on the possibilities for their children. This book has forty essays written by successful adult role models who share what it is like to grow up with a disability. (205 pages)

Sexuality and the Person with Traumatic Brain Injury: A Guide for Families

Ernest R Griffith and Sally Lemberg, 1993

This book discusses sexuality in the context of TBI survivors. TBI Written for survivors and their families, this book explains what is to be expected sexually and where help may be found (170 pages)

Sibling Resource Guide

Cynthia Newman, MSW, LCSW, 2006

This booklet lists commonly asked questions that siblings need to know about their sibling with special needs. (62 pages)

The Sibling Slam Book

Donald Meyer, 2005

This book is for siblings who want to read about the experiences of other siblings of children with disabilities. The siblings who contributed are willing to give you an honest look at their lives; their answers are funny, smart and opinionated. (154 pages)

Sibshops, Workshops for Siblings of Children with Special Needs

Donald Meyer, 2003

This book is the one-of-a-kind guide to Sibshops, the popular, award-winning program that brings together siblings of children with special needs. From start to finish, this source book describes how to organize a sibshop. This format can be used with siblings of any child with special health concerns. (237 pages)

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Special Children, Challenged Parents

Robert Naseef, 1997

Dr Naseef, a psychologist and father of a son with autism, details the blessings and challenges of raising a child with disabilities. Dr Naseef teaches parents how to acknowledge and understand the emotional turmoil that accompanies their loss. (222 pages)

Special Siblings: Growing Up With Someone with a Disability

Mary McHugh, 2003

This book helps readers cope with the complex emotions experienced by anyone with a sibling with special needs. This is a must read for siblings of people with disabilities. (241 pages)

Successfully Surviving Brain Injury: A Family Guidebook

Garry Prowe, 2010

This book reviews: the basics of brain injury, the rehabilitation process, ways to make this stressful time easier for you and your family, what you need to know about health insurance and disability pay, factors that influence how well someone recovers from a brain injury and how to access resources. (246 pages)

Supporting Survivors and Caregivers after Brain Injury

Patty van Belle-Kusse, MSc and Judith Zadoks, MSc, 2011

This workbook is based on the premise that a brain injury affects the family. It helps professionals work with caregivers to connect these lives, regain control, and improve their lives. The workbook includes the person with a brain injury, the family and caregivers in all aspects of care and support. (126 pages)

TOM: Time Organization Manual (reference only)

J Lynne Mann, 2003

This manual describes a time management system you can use to help you and your loved one. The binder contains forms that you can start using right away. (70 pages)

Understanding the Effects of Concussion, Blast and Brain Injuries

Lash and Associates, 2008

This guide is for families of service members who have sustained brain injuries and caregivers and clinicians who work with them. There are articles on helping families, concussion and trauma, medication, behavior, cognition, life in the community, college and work. (42 pages)

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Unthinkable: A Mother's Tragedy, Terror, and Triumph

Dixie Coskie, 2010

The author's narrative of how she came to appreciate the simplest of things is powerfully moving. This book is about perseverance, filled with lessons of struggle and triumph. Each chapter contains insights to assist others through their tragedies. (224 pages)

Unthinkable: Tips for Surviving a Child's Traumatic Brain Injury

Dixie Coskie, 2011

This book excerpts the tips that book offers into a caregiver's companion. It covers preparedness, emergency medical treatment, rehabilitation and beyond, and is a resource for dealing with the unthinkable, life-changing event of a child's brain injury. (94 pages)

When a Parent Has a Brain Injury: Sons and Daughters Speak Out

Marilyn Lash, MSW, 1993

This book was written for the children of people with brain injury, who felt no one could understand their situation. It deals with issues like: experiences at the hospital, how parents have changed after the brain injury and family life at home. (41 pages)

When Things Fall Apart

Pema Chodron, 1997

Heart advice for difficult times: Advice for what to do when things fall apart in our lives, and go against our usual habits and expectations. (188 pages)

When Young Children are Injured: Families as Caregivers in the Hospital and Home

Marilyn Lash, MSW, 1994

This book is for families with young children who were seriously injured. Families with children injured at an early age face unique challenges and difficulties. This guide offers families information for decisions that will help them prepare for the future. (49 pages)

When Your Child Has a Disability: The Complete Sourcebook of Daily and Medical Care

Mark Batshaw, MD, 2001

With practical information and guidance, this book can help you meet the demands of raising your child. It offers coverage of the daily and long-term care requirements of disabilities. (467 pages)

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When Your Child is Seriously Injured: The Emotional Impact on Families

Marilyn Lash, MSW, 1991

This book is written with the help of families whose children were injured. It starts with admission and ends at discharge, with practical suggestions to help families. This book is based on conversations and interviews with many families (41 pages)

When Your Child is Technologically Assisted: A Home Care Guide for Families

Paul Kahn, 1998

This book helps parents prepare for home care of a child with complex medical needs by giving tips for how to set up the home and coordinate community services, how to communicate clearly about caregiving and expectations, how to help siblings adjust, and how to deal with the challenges of parenting. (64 pages)

Working Together: A Guide to Positive Supports for Parents and Professionals

Sharon Lohrmann and Fredda Brown, 2003

This guide reviews Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and provides suggestion for creating a support plan for children. (63 pages)

You Will Dream New Dreams

Stanley Klein, 2001

Fathers and mothers of children with disabilities speak on how they mourned for the child of their dreams, learned the importance of turning to friends instead of being “strong” all of the time, and found the joy of discovering new dreams. (278 pages)

VIDEOS

Acquired Brain Injury: Teens Talking to Teens

Sunny Hill Health Center for Children, 2000

This video is for teens living with a brain injury and features three teens who have sustained a brain injury (25 minutes)

A House for All Children: Planning a Supportive Home Environment for Children with Disabilities

Richard V Olsen, PhD, 2000

Six families who are raising children with a range of disabilities describe the modifications they made to create safe and supportive homes for their children. (32 minutes)

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Life Goes On: Inside the Families of Youth with Brain Injuries

Lash & Associates, 2004

Two families talk frankly about the effects of their child's brain injury over time. This video gives personal insights into the family dynamics and grieving process. It will be helpful to families, and the professionals who counsel and support them. (29 minutes)

Making a Difference—Meeting the Special Needs of Persons with Brain Injury (in Spanish)

Texas Department of State Health Services, 2008

This video offers useful tips for effective communication and for directing individuals, families and caregivers to needed supports and services. Each video includes a section that addresses the special needs of veterans with brain injury. (97 minutes)

Making Life Work: A Family Guide for Life at Home

Brain Injury Association of Florida, 1991

Three families discuss how they've used structure, repetition and consistency to help the recovery process continue. Sections include: Coming Home, Coping Strategies, Life Skills. (106 minutes)

Planning for Life: The Role of Direct Support Professionals in Self-Directed Supports

The Boggs Center, 2004

This video is for those responsible for designing and implementing self-directed supports. It is also for people with disabilities and families to help them to visualize what supports can look like when they are the ones in control in planning their lives. (30 minutes)

Rebuilding Relationships after Traumatic Brain Injury

Virginia Commonwealth University, 1998

This presentation focuses on brain injury changes that often negatively impact relationships. Individuals with TBI must cope with increased dependence on family and friends. (15 minutes)

Understanding Brain Injury: What You Should Know

Shepherd Center, 2011

This video uses images of real people who have sustained a brain injury, as well as medical experts and advocates. Judy Fortin, CNN medical correspondent, goes through information to maximize your loved one's recovery. Lee Woodruff adds practical advice – her husband, Bob Woodruff was injured in Iraq. (45 minutes)

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