

# Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey

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# **Residential Programs for People with Brain Injury in New Jersey**

The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey

Choosing a residential program for a person with a brain injury can be a difficult decision for families to make. One needs to understand the different types of residential programs and different funding sources. The information provided below is meant to be a starting point for learning about the different types of residential services available for people with brain injury in New Jersey, and the different funding sources for such programs. For further information, please contact the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey's Helpline at (800) 669-4323 or <a href="mailto:info@bianj.org">info@bianj.org</a>.

## **Choosing A Program**

In choosing any type of program for your family member, the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey always suggests contacting and visiting several programs to find the program that will best suit your loved one's needs. To assist you in selecting a program, contact the Brain Injury Alliance for more information including fact sheets written to help with choosing a program.

# **Government Funding**

Before learning about the programs that exist, it is important to understand the funding sources for residential programs for people with brain injury in New Jersey.

For individuals in need of residential services, who were injured after their 21st birthday, the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Medicaid Waiver might be a source of funding. The TBI Medicaid Waiver was established in 1993 in order to provide community-based services, including residential services, for people with brain injury as an alternative to long-term institutional care. Many families seek out residential services because their family member cannot live independently in the community without supports, and would be at risk of being placed in long-term institutional care if their family were not caring for them. The residential services funded by the TBI Medicaid Waiver are designed specifically for people with brain injury. The program is intended for those individuals who are at a nursing home level of care and would otherwise require institutionalization to meet complex medical needs. To learn more about the TBI Medicaid Waiver, or to find out if your family member qualifies for the Waiver, contact the Division of Disability Services at (609) 292-4800.



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For those individuals in need of residential services who were injured before the age of 22, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) might be an appropriate source of funding. The Division of Developmental Disabilities serves New Jersey residents with a disability that manifested before age 22, and lifelong limitations in areas of daily living. Some people with brain injury meet the criteria for DDD services and may be eligible for residential services through this agency. Residential services through DDD are typically utilized by individuals with different types and severity of disability. As with other programs, it is good to contact and visit several to find the most appropriate program for your family member. If you are registered with DDD, contact your DDD case manager to learn more about residential services. Ask your DDD case manager if there is a brain injury specific residential program at which your family member might be able to live. Keep in mind that there is a waiting list for residential services through DDD. To learn more about whether or not your family is eligible for services through DDD, contact the Division at (800) 832-9173 or visit their website at http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html.

### **Types of Residential Services**

Residential services vary, ranging from apartments with minimal to 24 hour supervision, to group home settings where an individual lives other people with brain injury or other disabilities. Apartments can be in a location where only individuals in that program live and other services, such as day programs, are also located. Apartments can be in the community. Group homes can also be located in a central location in a city where residents can easily access community services, or can be located in a more rural area. The program you decide on can vary according to what your family member's rehabilitation team recommends, what you are looking for in a residential program, and where your family member prefers to live. It is important to visit several programs, talk to other residents, to other family members, and to your rehabilitation team, in order to make an informed decision that you and your family member will be comfortable with. Where an individual lives is an important decision for all involved.

#### **Brain Injury Residential Programs**

The following are brain injury rehabilitation programs offering residential services. When contacting each program, be sure to ask about the funding sources they typically accept. An admissions coordinator or social worker should be able to assist you in understanding the funding they accept, and might be able to guide you towards programs to supplement this funding.

#### **Atlantic County**

#### **NeuroRestorative**

235 W. White Horse Pike Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### **Bergen County**

#### **Rehabilitation Specialists**

18-01 Pollitt Drive, Suite 1A Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Telephone: (201) 251-8555 x3

#### **Burlington County**

#### NeuroRestorative

617 Devon Avenue Moorestown, NJ 08057 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### NeuroRestorative

2000 Crawford Place, Suite 700 Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### NeuroRestorative

131 Cropwell Drive Maple Shade, NJ 08052 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### NeuroRestorative

8008 Rt. 130 North Bldg. C Delran, NJ 08075

Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### **Camden County**

#### **Bancroft Brain Injury Services**

201 Kings Highway South Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 Telephone: (856) 216-8090

#### **NeuroRestorative**

6025 Browning Road Pennsauken, NJ 08109 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### NeuroRestorative

214 West Maple Avenue Merchantville, NJ 08109 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### **Essex County**

#### Universal Institute

15-17 Microlab Road Livingston, NJ 07039

Telephone: (973) 731-3600

#### **Gloucester County**

# Bancroft Brain Injury Services

8 Commissioners Road Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 Telephone: (800) 774-5516

#### **Drucker Brain Injury Center**

135 South Broad Street Woodbury, NJ 08096 Telephone: (800) 225-5667

#### **Mercer County**

#### NeuroRestorative

9412 Town Center South Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### NeuroRestorative

115 Laura Avenue Hamilton, NJ 08619 Telephone: (800) 743-6802

#### **Middlesex County**

# **Bancroft Brain Injury Services**

666 Plainsboro Road, Suite 2000C Plainsboro, NJ 08536 Telephone: (800) 774-5516

# **Monmouth County**

# **Universal Institute**

73 Dudley Street Long Branch, NJ 07740 Telephone: (732) 222-4916

#### **Ocean County**

#### **Bancroft Brain Injury Services**

1200 Route 70 Brick, NJ 08724

Telephone: (800) 774-5516

#### **Sussex County**

#### NeuroRestorative

33 Lincoln Place Newton, NJ 07860

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