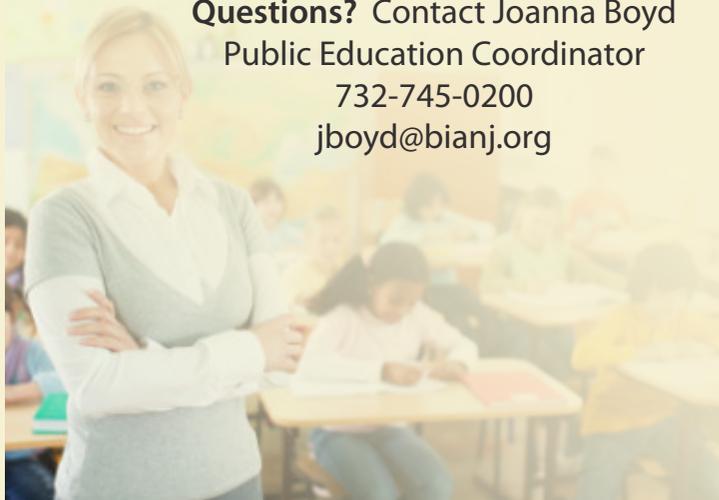


Benefits of having a Concussion Management Team in your school:

- » having highly trained, readily available team of professionals on staff to answer teachers concerns
- » having an established protocol for supporting students returning to school while recovering from concussion
- » having the confidence that parents questions and concerns will be appropriately addressed
- » knowing that each student with a concussion has the support they need to succeed

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Visit SportsConcussion.com
for the most current information about
concussions, the management of concussion
and making return-to-play decisions.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2011, the New Jersey Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, reported that 34,880 children and youth aged 0-21 were seen in emergency departments for traumatic brain injury, including concussions.



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Concussion Management Teams increase the knowledge and skills of school professionals that serve students with concussion.

Which professionals might be on your Team?

- ✓ School Nurse
- ✓ School Psychologist
- ✓ School Guidance Counselor
- ✓ School Social Worker
- ✓ School Special Ed. Director
- ✓ Supervisor/Administrator



What is a Concussion Management Team?

A small group of school-based professionals who are in the school building during the day and have insight into the needs of students recovering from concussion.

What supports do students need when returning to school while recovering from concussion?

Whether a student is out of school for one week or several weeks the cognitive effects of a concussion need to be addressed and monitored throughout recovery. The treating clinician needs information throughout recovery.

- » There may be academic accommodations to facilitate recovery and support learning, but are the accommodations working?
- » How does the treating clinician know how the student is doing in school?
- » Who is in charge of communicating with parents, physicians, and teachers about the students' needs and progress?

The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey offers support to your school or district by:

- » providing training and consultation regarding concussion in youth sports and safe return to play guidelines
- » providing training and consultation regarding concussion in the classroom and return to learn guidelines
- » ongoing support to develop and manage your own Concussion Management Teams



Concussion Management Teams promote seamless transition and support back to the classroom following a concussion.

They also facilitate communication among parents, physicians, and teachers to maximize support for the students recovering from concussion.