SECTION 1 ESSENTIAL RESOURCES













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Essential Resources

Tennessee Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program:

The TBI Program staff are available to respond to questions, make referrals and provide education and training. Initial contact with the TBI Program can be the first link in a chain of support for people with brain injury and their families.

Tennessee Traumatic Brain Injury Service Coordination Program:

There are eight Service Coordinators located in various non-profit agencies across the state. The Service Coordinator's role is to work with persons with brain injury and their family to assess current needs. Service Coordination services are provided free of charge. To learn more about service coordination please reach out to your local TBI Service Coordinator or call the TBI Hotline at 1-800-882-0611.

• Tennessee Virtual Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group: For more information about a TBI Support Group meeting in your area, call the TBI Program at 800-882-0611

Traumatic Brain Injury Services: <u>Directory and Resource Information</u> <u>Guide, the Tennessee Department of Health:</u>

The guide was designed to assist in locating programs, organizations, agencies, and services available across the state of Tennessee and the nation."

NOTE: that not all resources are in this guide. Also, check your local area for practitioners who work with people with TBI and/or check with your regional Service Coordinator (see resource above).

Brain Injury Association of Tennessee:

(BIA of TN) is committed to improving the quality of life of individuals, families, caregivers, and healthcare professionals impacted by brain injury by providing critical information, education, support, prevention, and advocacy through community-based, state, and national resources.

Chattanooga Area Brain Injury Association of Tennessee:

(CABIA) - CABIA is dedicated to providing the highest quality services in order to prevent and increase the awareness of brain injuries and to achieve optimal outcomes for brain injury survivors. Further, we are committed to advocating on behalf of brain injury survivors and their family members in order for them to achieve the highest quality of life.



Tennessee Disability Coalition

With Programs, Policy, And Purpose, We Are Creating A Society That Values, Includes, And Supports People With Disabilities.

Disability Rights Tennessee: • • is a nonprofit legal services organization that provides free legal advocacy services to protect the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities." They have limited areas of focus each year. See website to learn more.

Statewide Independent Living Council:

(SILC) The Statewide Independent Living Council of Tennessee's mission is to•promote Independent Living philosophies, practices and values and expand IL•services across the state.

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder:

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder ("Pathfinder") helps people with disabilities, their-family members, educators, and other professionals find and access resources, support, and services available to meet their needs.





We are resolute in our vision that all persons with brain injury thrive within their communities.

Support

We connect brain injured individuals and their caregivers to available support resources in their community.

Information

Brain injury requires specialized care and individual services. We provide crucial information for informed decisions.

Prevention

Brain injury is often preventable. We provide education and opportunities to advocate for change.

Sustainability

We are committed to supporting the Tennessee brain injury population by accessing grants and donor development.

THE VOICE OF Help, Hope and Healing

Brain injury is not an event or an outcome. It is the start of a **misdiagnosed**, **misunderstood**, **under-funded** neurological disease.



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Thank You!

We're here to help.

Our mission is to bring together professionals to recognize the farreaching and unique nature of brain injury and to improve services for survivors. If we can help you, please feel free to reach out!



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