



BIA-MO Update During COVID-19 Situation

BIA-MO Continuing Impact During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Survivors and Families Know They Are Not Alone.

Several BIA-MO Support Groups are being offered online through video conferencing. This continued connection is vital for ongoing sharing and support for each other.

Community Resources are Identified for Short- and Long-Term Needs.

BIA-MO continues to offer Information & Referral Service to serve survivors of brain injury and families. Initial and follow-up phone and email contacts offer valuable information and comfort for survivors and families.

Advocacy focus on prevention of brain injuries.

Bills to repeal the Missouri all-rider motorcycle helmet law are being monitored, since they may still be considered by the Missouri legislature this year. More than 40 deaths and thousands of brain injuries will result each year if the all-rider motorcycle helmet law is repealed.

Accomplishments of BIA-MO During Early Months of 2020

Youth sports and school personnel increased knowledge about concussions and return-to-activity protocols.

Concussion education was provided to more than 600 youth sports coaches, licensed athletic trainers and school nurses at regional *Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers* programs.

Professionals learned about brain injury.

BIA-MO Speakers Bureau provided educational presentations and exhibits for professionals and community groups to increase awareness about brain injury, its impact on life, and effective care for persons with brain injury.

Community providers expanded awareness and knowledge about resources.

The BIA-MO Networking Coffees for Professionals is an opportunity for care providers to make connections with other resources in the community for continuum of care for persons with brain injury.

Upcoming BIA-MO Opportunity Highlights

Donald Danforth Jr. Wilderness Camp.

Survivors of brain injury will enjoy zip-lining, swimming, fishing, dancing, games, arts & crafts and spending time with friends.

Bowling for Brain Injury.

Fundraising Bowlers, Teams and Sponsors provide revenue to support services for survivors and families as well as increase awareness, provide education and prevent brain injuries.

Support Groups.

In-person support groups will resume across Missouri for sharing and connecting.

Professional Development Conference.

Care providers have the opportunity to expand knowledge about brain injury, best-practice treatments and current research.

Survivor & Family Seminar - Eastern.

Education and comradery offered for individuals recently impacted by brain injury or those who have been living with brain injury for many years.

Brain Injury Association of Missouri Help, Hope and Healing for Individuals, Families, and the Community

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