



BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS **Family and Survivor Support Groups**

Our list is divided into three regions; East/Central, Southeast/Cape & Western.

Please call the individual support group leaders before attending. The dates, times and locations of support group meetings are subject to change.

EAST/CENTRAL REGION

NEW! Andover - Youth Sports Concussion/Mild TBI, Peer & Parents Groups

Contact: Bill Mautz, Mary Cristiano 978-749-2700
Time: 6:00 pm
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Place: Children's Neuropsychological Services
26 Chestnut St, Suite 2E
Andover, MA 01810

Boston - Stroke Club - Open to community - All ages

Contact: Karen Halfon 617-573-7143
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital, Room 8A
125 Nashua St, Boston, MA 02114

Boston - "BABIS" - Family & Survivors

Contact: Sally Johnson 617- 573-2539
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Date: 1st Saturday of the month
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital, Room 8A
125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114
Website: <http://www.babis.info/>

Boston - "BABIS" - Additional Group for Family/Caregivers

Contact: Sally Johnson 617- 573-2539
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Date: 1st Saturday of the month
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital, Room 8A
125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114
Website: <http://www.babis.info/>

Braintree - Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group, Family & Survivors

Contacts: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan 781-585-5434
Kelly Duggan 781-348-2236
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Date: Last Thursday of the month
Place: Braintree Rehab. Hospital, 2nd Floor Conference Room C
250 Pond St, Braintree, MA 02184

Braintree - South Shore Youth Group, Children (ages 10-15) of parents with B.I.

Contacts: April Sheridan 617-847-4987
Time & Date: Call for More Information (does not meet July - Sept.)
Place: Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital
250 Pond St, Braintree, MA 02184

Fitchburg - Stroke Support Group for Survivors, Family Members, Friends & Caregivers

Contact: Health Alliance Hospital, Burbank Campus
Speech Dept. 978-343-5005
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Date: 3rd Thursday of each month from March-December
Place: Health Alliance Hospital, Burbank Campus, Simonds-Sinon Cancer
Center, Bergevin Conference Room, Ground Floor
275 Nichols Rd, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Framingham - Mild Brain Injury Survivors

Contact: Barbara Webster 508-478-7539
Time: 11:30 - 1:00
Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
Place: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
3 Maple St, Framingham, MA 01701

All Correspondence To: Barbara Webster, BIA-MA, 30 Lyman St, Suite #10,
Westborough, MA 01581

NEW! Lunenburg - Survivors & Spouses

Contact: Pat Read 978-660-5187
Bob Saiia 978-582-7239
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Date: 4th Tuesday of the month
Place: Lunenburg Public Library
1023 Massachusetts Ave, Lunenburg, MA 01462

Milford - Family & Survivors

Contact: Denise Simoneau 508-422-2559
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Date: 3rd Thursday of the month
Place: Milford Regional Medical Center
Hill Building - 4th Floor Conference Room
14 Prospect St, Milford, MA 01757

Norfolk - Parents & Caregivers of Children with a Brain Injury

Contact: Gayle Fedele 617-365-3980
Please call for more information

Westborough - Stroke Support Group

Contact: Helene Miss 508-870-2222 x 2165
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Whittier Rehab. Hospital
150 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581

Woburn/Advocates - Family Support & Education * NOT FOR SURVIVORS*

Contacts: Janet Lingeran 781-862-0070 x 301
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Date: (usually) 1st Monday of the month
Place: Warren House, 17 Warren Ave, Woburn, MA 01801

Woburn/NERH - Survivor Support Group

Contact: Mary Fiorentino 781-994-3456 x1458
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Date: 4th Saturday of the month (except Jan. & July)
Place: New England Rehab Hospital
2 Rehabilitation Way, Woburn, MA 01801

Worcester - Family & Survivors

Contact: Amanda Sexton 508-475-0032 x13
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July & August)
Place: First Baptist Church
111 Park Ave, Worcester, MA 01609
(corner of Park St. & Salisbury St.)

Worcester - Family, Friends, and Caregivers * NOT FOR SURVIVORS*

Contact: Kyle Murray 508-791-3147
Time: 5:30pm
Date: 1st Tuesday of the month
Place: Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Worcester
3rd Floor Conference Room
59 Acton St, Worcester, MA 01604

SOUTHEAST/CAPE REGION

NEW! Cape Cod, Cotuit (Barnstable) - Family & Survivor

Contact: Jeff Garrison 508-274-4636
Time: 10:00-12:00pm
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Place: Cotuit Center for the Arts
4404 Rt. 28
Cotuit, MA 02635

Cape Cod, Bourne - "Brilliant Buzzards", Caregiver and Survivor Support Group

Contacts: Vicki and Nathan Carr 508-759-2049
Time & Date: Call for more information.
Place: Buzzards Bay Community Center
239 Main St, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Cape Cod, Falmouth - Stroke Support Group, Family & Survivors

Contact: Mildred Lisk 508-540-7641
Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month, Sept. - May
Place: Falmouth Hospital
Board Room (off the Lily Lobby)
Ter Heun Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540

Cape Cod, E. Sandwich - Brain Aneurysm/Mild Brain Injury Support Group

Contact: Jenny Stickney-Quigley 508-539-3732
Time: 2:00 - 4:00
Date: 3rd Saturday of the month
Place: Corpus Christi Church, Room 10
324 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. (near exit 3)
East Sandwich, MA 02537

Cape Cod, E. Sandwich - Stroke Support Group & Peer Visitation Program

Contact: Jim Graham 508-420-4574
Time: 1:30-3:30
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Rehab. Hospital of the Cape & Islands
311 Service, Rd, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

Cape Cod, E. Wareham - Caregiver Support Group

Contact: Donna Bonia 508-946-1115
Times: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F
E. Wareham, MA 02538

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Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F
E. Wareham, MA 02538

NEW! Cape Cod, S. Yarmouth - Survivors, Family & Caregivers

Contact: Christine Germanotta 508-771-3156 x 203
Time: 10:00 - 11:00am
Date: Second Friday of the month
Place: Kennedy Donovan Center
32 Commercial St, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Fall River - B.R.A.I.N. - Family and Survivor PHONE SUPPORT

Contact: Henry Oliveira 401-297-1221

Middleborough - Family and Caregiver Support Group * NOT FOR SURVIVORS*

Contact: Tom Hall 508-947-9295
Time: Tuesday 6:15-7:30
Date: First Tuesday of the month
Place: The Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Middleboro
23 Isaac Street, Middleboro, MA 02346

**New Bedford - “Wishful Thinking Whalers” Support/Recreation Group,
Family & Survivors**

Contact: Tracy Tarvers 774-328-8322 or
SE Region Office 888-607-7678
Call for more info.

Plymouth - Family & Survivors Support Group

Contact: Liz Lauzon 508-747-4720 x 118
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Date: 3rd Monday of the month
Place: Braintree Rehab Clinic
65 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360

WESTERN REGION

Hadley - Pioneer Valley Brain Injury Support Group (PVBISG) for Family & Survivors, Caregivers & Professionals

Contact: Anne C. Flaherty - 413-253-8889
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Date: 1st Thursday each month
Place: Fit Together Wellness Ctr.
231 Russell St. (Rt.9), Hadley, MA 01035

Pittsfield - Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (BBSIG)

Contact: Suzanne Doswell, Western Regional Mgr. 413-443-0200
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Place: Berkshire Medical Center, Center for Rehabilitation
5th Floor Medical Arts Building
777 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

All Correspondence To: Suzanne Doswell, Western Regional Mgr.
BIA-MA Western Region Office
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - "Sit, Knit & Stitch" - Knitting & Crocheting/Activity Support Group

CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING
Contact: Sonali Durden 413-443-0200
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Date: Tue, Fri & Sat. each week
Place: Providence Court, Dining Room
379 East St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - "Tea and Talk" - Adult Women with Brain Injury

CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING
Contact: Suzanne Doswell, Western Regional Mgr. 413-443-0200
Time: 1:00 - 2:30
Date: First Thursday of the month
Place: BIA-MA Western Region Office
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Springfield - Family & Young Adult (17+) Survivors Support Group

Contact: Sharon Abdala 413-748-6892
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Place: Mercy Hospital
Deliso Conference Center, Lower Level
299 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104

OTHER GROUPS AVAILABLE

(Not Sponsored by BIA-MA)

Boston - Information Groups for Survivors and Family Members Also groups for Veterans with TBI

For more information or to enroll in these programs:

Contact: Dr. Therese O'Neil Pirozzi, ScD, CCC-SLP
Phone: 617-373-5750
Email: t.oneil-pirozzi@neu.edu
Place: Northeastern University TBI Resource Center

Cape Cod, Dennis - Stroke Support Group

Contact: Kathy Hallman, VNA Assoc. 508-957-7400 x3918
Date: 3rd Thursdays of the month (except July & August)
Time: 1:00
Dennis Senior Center
#1045 Rt.134 (Setuck Rd. & Rt. 134), Dennis, MA 02638

NEW! Cape Cod, Wellfleet-Adult Male/Recreation Group

Contact: Sharyn Lindsay 508-349-7409
Time & Date: Weekly on Wednesdays
Place: Call for details

North Adams - Alzheimer's Information and Support Group

Contact: Beth Hinkley 413-664-4536
Date: Second Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Place: Northern Berkshire VNA & Hospice Building
535 Curran Highway, North Adams, MA 01247

Norwell - Brain Aneurysm Support Group

Contact: Laurie Galvin 781-659-2342
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Time: 7:00 - 8:30
Place: Norwell VNA and Hospice
91 Longwater Cir, Norwell, MA 02061

Pittsfield - Stroke Support Group

Contact: Irene Wolcott 413-447-2230
Date: First Tuesday of each month
Time: 3:00-4:00pm
Place: Center for Rehabilitation Outpatient Gym
MBC Medical Arts Complex, 5th Floor
777 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Contact: Brenda Brown 413-442-7047, ext. 16
Date & Time: Call for more info.
Place: AdLib Center for Independent Living
215 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Williamstown - Dementia Support and Education

Contact: Mark Massaconi 413-458-8127x109
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Time: 3:30-4:30
Place: Sweet Brook Transitional Care and Living Center
1561 Cold Spring Rd, Williamstown, MA 01267

Worcester - UMASS Memorial Medical Ctr. - Brain Tumor Support Group

Contact: Dr. Ellen Sharenow 774-443-7595
Date: 1st Tuesdays of the month
Time: 6:00-7:30
Place: Lazare Bld., Room 303
55 Lake Ave, N. Worcester, MA 01655

OUT OF STATE BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUPS

(Not sponsored by BIA-MA)

Connecticut, Putnam - Family & Survivors

Contact: Tom Currier 860-928-9844
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Date: Last Tuesday of each month
Place: Day Kimball Hospital
Conference Room #1
320 Pomfret Street (Route 44), Putnam, CT 06260

New Hampshire, Nashua - Family & Survivors

Contact: Patty Motyka 603-822-3000 x 6750
Time: 6:00 pm
Date: 1st Wednesday of the month
Place: St. Joseph's Hospital, 4th Floor
172 Kinsley Street, Nashua, NH 03060

New Hampshire, Peterborough - Family & Survivors

Contact: John Richards 603-547-3311x1418
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Date: First Tuesday of the month
Place: Unitarian Church
25 Main St, Peterborough, N.H. 03458-2447

New Hampshire, Salem - Brain Injury Survivor Support Group

No meetings July, Aug. or Dec.

Contact: Tina Paquin 603-225-8400 x 341 or 603-225-8400
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Date: Last Monday of the month
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Conference Room
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

New Hampshire, Salem - Stroke Survivor Support Group

Contact: Jessica Anderson 603-890-3218
Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm
Date: 1st Wednesday of the month
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Inservice Room
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

**New Hampshire, Salem - Stroke Education for Survivors and Family -
Rehabilitation professional with Q & A stations**

Contact: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital 603-893-2900 x 3162 or 3160
Time: 2:00 - 3:00pm
Date: 2nd Saturday of the month
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, NRH Wing 200
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

NEW! New Hampshire, Salem - Mild Brain Injury Support Group

Contact: Barbara Capobianco, 603-893-2900 x 3218
Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm
Date: 2nd Wednesday each month
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Inservice Room
70 Butler St, Salem NH 03079

Rhode Island, N. Smithfield - Family & Survivors

Contact: Linda Silva, Jane Soucy 401-766-0800 x 5311
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
Date: 4th Tuesday of the month
Place: Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island
Pulmonary Rehab Room
116 Eddie Dowling Highway, North Smithfield, RI 02896

**For more information regarding brain injury support groups in neighboring states,
Please contact them directly:**

- Connecticut BIACT.ORG 860-721-8111
- New Hampshire BIANH.ORG 800-773-8400
- New York BIANYS.ORG 800-228-8201
- Rhode Island BIAOFRI.ORG 888-824-8911

Vermont

BIAVT.ORG

877-856-1772