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South Shore Youth Group to Support Children of Parents with Brain Injuries

Every 23 seconds someone sustains a brain injury. Common causes include car crashes, falls, and sports concussions. Brain injuries can also be caused by strokes, tumors, infection, and congenital abnormalities. When a brain injury happens to a parent, children often have unanswered questions and don't know where to turn for help.

The South Shore now has a new support group that provides an opportunity for children, ages 10-15, of parents with brain injuries to come share their experiences, struggles and triumphs with their peers. The group will serve children and young adults living in Braintree, Canton, Foxboro, Holbrook, Medfield, Millis, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Weymouth, and Hingham, among other communities.

April Sheridan, Head Injury Community Services (HICS) Assistant Program Director, and Carol Minasi, HICS Case Manager, are co-facilitators of the group that is held at the **Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital, Conference Room A, 250 Pond Street, Braintree, MA, 02184**, on the second Thursday of each month.

“As much as a head injury affects a spouse or survivor, the children are most unprepared for the changes and uncertainties that follow,” said Sheridan. “We hope that by getting a group started in this area for young adults they will be able to have a place to talk about and make sense of their situation with others who are experiencing or have experienced similar circumstances.”

If you have questions or are interested in attending the meeting, contact April Sheridan or Carol Minasi at 617-847-4987 or asheridan@neurorehabmgt.com and cminasi@neurorehabmgt.com. For more information on the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, visit www.biama.org or call 800-242-0030.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA), a non-profit organization, sponsors nearly 30 support groups throughout the state. These groups provide survivors and their loved ones a forum for sharing information and resources about brain injury and an opportunity to meet others who share their concerns and experiences. Participants enjoy a variety of educational, recreational, and social activities.