



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

Our S.E./Cape Region and Western Region support groups are listed separately.

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

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**Berlin - Family & Survivor - (TBI HIP)- "Truly Brilliant Individuals Head Information Projects"**

Contact: Crystal Ahlin, Sheila Howard 978-838-9407  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Grace Baptist Church, Room 111  
353 River Rd.  
Hudson, MA 01749

**Boston - Stroke Club - Open to community - All ages**

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

**Boston - "BABIS" - Family & Survivors**

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

**Braintree - Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group**

Contacts: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan 781-585-5434  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Date: Last Thursday of the month  
Place: Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 6:00 - 7:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, except July-Sept.  
Place: Conference Room A  
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: 6:00-7:30pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from March-December  
Place: Burbank Rehabilitation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
275 Nicols Rd, Fitchburg, MA 01420

**Framingham - Mild Brain Injury Survivors**

Contact: Barbara Webster 508-478-7539  
Time: 11:30 - 1:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Gardner - Family and Survivors**

Contact: Pat Read 978-660-5187  
Please call for more info.

**NEW! Haverhill - Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Laurie LeBlanc  
Time: 6:30-7:30  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month  
Place: Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital  
145 Ward Hill Ave. (Main Entrance)  
Haverhill, MA 01835

**Milford - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Denise Simoneau 508-422-2559  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Place: Milford Hospital  
Hill Building - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 info.

**North Shore - Caregiver Support (PHONE SUPPORT)**

Contact: Helen Whelan 781-233-8734  
(evenings & weekends)

**Southbridge - "Victory" Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Dan or Linda Pellegrini 617-592-5081  
Please call for more information

**Westborough - Stroke Support Group**

Contact: Deb Lebeaux 508-870-2222 x2165  
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Whittier Rehab. Center  
150 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581

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

Contacts: Yvonne Tylinski 508-380-0987  
Janet Lingeran 781-862-0070 x 301  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Date: (usually) 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (except Jan. & July)  
Place: New England Rehab Hospital  
2 Rehabilitation Way, Woburn, MA 01801

**Worcester - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Lisa A. Olinger 508-475-0032 x 19  
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
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: Jacalyn Mulligan 508-791-3147 x103  
Time: 2:00pm  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
Place: Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Worcester  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
59 Acton St, Worcester, MA 01604

## **SOUTHEAST REGION**

### **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  
Maternity Conference Room C, Main Floor  
Ter Heun Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540

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

Contact: Jenny Stickney-Quigley 508-833-4241  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00  
Date: 3rd Saturday of the month  
Place: Rehab. Hospital of the Cape and Islands  
311 Service Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537

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

Contact: Jim Graham 508-833-4043  
Time: 1:30-3:30  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Rehab. Hospital of the Cape & Islands  
311 Service, Rd, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

### **Fall River - B.R.A.I.N. - Family and Survivors**

Contact: Henry Oliveira 401-297-1221  
Time: 6:00pm  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
Place: Fall River Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Cafeteria, Fall River, MA 02720

### **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/Dartmouth - "Wishful Thinking Whalers",**

#### **Support/Recreation Group, Family & Survivors**

Contact: Tracy Tarvers 774-328-8322  
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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
Place: Braintree Rehab Clinic  
65 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360

### **Wareham, East - Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Donna Bonia 508-946-1115  
Day & Time: Call for more info.  
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office  
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F, E. Wareham, MA 02538

## **WESTERN REGION**

### **Northampton - Survivors & Family Members**

Contact: Peggy Besht RN, BSN - 413-584-6797  
Time: 4:30- 6:00  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month  
Place: Forbes Library - Community Room  
20 West St, Northampton, MA 01060

### **Pittsfield - Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (BBSIG)**

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

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

### **Pittsfield - "Sit, Knit & Stitch" - Knitting & Crocheting Group**

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

### **NEW! Pittsfield - "Tea and Talk" - Adult women with brain injury**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200 - CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING  
Time: 2:30-4:00  
Date: First Thursday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA West Office  
180 Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**NEW! Pittsfield - "Meeting of the Minds" - Youth ages 15-23 with brain injury**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200  
Time: 4:00 - 5:00  
Date: Fourth Thursday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA West Office  
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Pittsfield - Other Meetings for Spouses, Parents & Children of Parents with B. I.**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200  
Time & Date: Call for more information  
Place: BIA-MA Western Region Office  
180 Elm St, Suite C, Pittsfield, MA 01201

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

Contact: Sharon Abdala 413-748-6892  
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month (except July & August)  
Time: 1:00  
Dennis Senior Center  
#1045 Rt.134 (Setuck Rd. & Rt. 134), Dennis, MA 02638

**Greenfield - Head Injury Support Group for Survivors and Family Members**

Contact: David Landry 413-773-2227 Please call before attending.  
Date: Last Wednesday each month  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30  
Place: Baystate Franklin Medical Center  
164 High St, Conference Room A, Greenfield, MA 01301

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Walcott 413-447-2230  
Date: First Tuesday of each month  
Time: 3:00-4:00pm  
Place: MBC Medical Arts Complex  
777 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Center for Rehabilitation Outpatient Gym  
(5<sup>th</sup> floor Medical Arts Building)

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - Family & Survivors**

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

**New Hampshire - Family & Survivors**

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

**New Hampshire - Family & Survivors**

Contact: John Richards 603-547-3311x1418  
Tom Badgley 603-547-8891  
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 - 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 - Stroke Survivor Support Group**

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

**New Hampshire - 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 - 3:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, NRH Wing 200  
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

**Rhode Island - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Linda Silva, Jane Soucy 401-766-0800 x 5311  
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Connecticut   | <a href="http://BIACT.ORG">BIACT.ORG</a>     | 860-721-8111 |
| Maine         | <a href="http://BIAME.ORG">BIAME.ORG</a>     | 800-275-1233 |
| New Hampshire | <a href="http://BIANH.ORG">BIANH.ORG</a>     | 800-773-8400 |
| New York      | <a href="http://BIANYS.ORG">BIANYS.ORG</a>   | 800-228-8201 |
| Rhode Island  | <a href="http://BIAOFRI.ORG">BIAOFRI.ORG</a> | 888-824-8911 |
| Vermont       | <a href="http://BIAVT.ORG">BIAVT.ORG</a>     | 877-856-1772 |