



BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS
Family and Survivor Support Groups

PLEASE NOTE: The dates, times and locations of BIA-MA sponsored support groups are subject to change. Please call the individual support group leaders for the most recent information.

NEW! Berlin - Family & Survivor -

"Truly Brilliant Individuals Head Information Projects" (TBI HIP)

Contact: Crystal Ahlin, Sheila Howard 978-838-9407
Time: 6:30 - 8:00
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Place: BAMSI House
11 Larkin Rd.
Berlin, MA 01503

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
125 Nashua St., Room 8a
Boston, Ma 02114

Boston - BABIS Group - Family & Survivors

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

Braintree - Stroke/Brain Injury Support Group

Contacts: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan 781-585-5434
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Date: Last Thursday of the month
Place: Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital
2nd Floor Conference Room
250 Pond St.
Braintree, MA 02184

NEW! Braintree - Children (ages 10-14) of Parents with B.I.

Contacts: April Sheridan 617-847-4987
Time: 6:00 - 7:00
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Place: Conference Room A
Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital
250 Pond St.
Braintree, MA 02184

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, E. Sandwich - Mild Brain Injury Support Group

Contact: Jenny Stickney 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: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Rehab. Hospital of the Cape & Islands
311 Service, Rd, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

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

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

Contact: Henry Oliveira or Eileen Mills 401-297-1221
Time: 6:00pm
Date: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Place: Fall River Town Hall, 1st Floor Cateteria
Fall River, MA 02720

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: 3rd Wednesday of each month from March-December
Place: Emanuel Lutheran Church
1200 John Fitch Highway
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Framingham - Mild Brain Injury Survivors

Contact: Barbara Webster 508-478-7539
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
Place: MetroWest Wellness Center
761 Worcester Road (Rt. 9 Westbound)
Framingham, MA 01702

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.

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

Milford - Family & Survivors

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

New Bedford/Dartmouth - Support/Recreation Group, Family & Survivors

Contact: Tracy Tarvers 774-328-8322
Call for more info.

North Adams BFAIR - Berkshire Families and Individuals Resources

Contacts: Suzanne Doswell 413-442-4448
Theresa Biagini 413-664-9382
Time: 5:00pm
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Place: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Office
85 Main St.
North Adams, MA 01247-3437

North Shore - Caregiver Support (PHONE SUPPORT)

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

Pittsfield - Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group

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

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

**Pittsfield - Meetings for Children of Parents with Brain Injury
Meetings for Women with brain injury
Meetings for Men with brain injury
Meetings for Spouses of people with brain injury**

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

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

Contact: Sonali Durden 413-443-6063 (CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING)
Time: Evening
Date: Tue, Fri, Sat. each week
Place: Providence Court, Dining Room
379 East St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

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

NEW! Southbridge - "Victory" Caregiver Support Group

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

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

NEW! Wareham, East - Caregiver Support Group

Contact: Sandy or Zelinda 508-743-0333
Time: 10:00 - 12:00
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Place: S. E. BIA-MA Regional Office
3119 Cranberry Hwy, Suite 5F
East Wareham, MA 02538

Westborough - Stroke Support Group

Contact: Deb Lebeaux 508-870-2222 x2165
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Date: 2nd 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 Lingerian 781-937-3544
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 - Family and Survivor

Contact: Mary Fiorentino 781-935-5050 x1458
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Date: 4th Saturday of the month
Place: New England Rehab Hospital
2 Rehabilitation Way
Woburn, MA 01801

Worcester - Family & Survivors

Contact: Lisa A. Olinger, JD, MA 508-475-0032 x 19
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Date: 3rd 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: Jackie Mulligan 508-791-3147 x103
Time: 6:00pm
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Place: Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Worcester
Occupational Therapy room, basement
59 Acton St.
Worcester, MA 01604

OTHER GROUPS AVAILBLE

(Not Sponsored by BIA-MA)

Boston - Information Groups for Survivors and Family Members

Northeastern University TBI Resource Center

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

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

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

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
(5th 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: 1st Tuesdays of the month
Time: 6:00-7:30
Place: 55 Lake Ave.
Lazare Bld., Room 303
N. Worcester, MA 01655

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR VETERANS
(Not Sponsored by BIA-MA)

Amherst, Veterans Education Project Military Family Support Group

Contact: Susanne Leary 413-253-4947
Time & Date: Twice/Month
Place: Amherst, MA

Bedford, Hearts Apart - Support Group for Family Members of Deployed Soldiers

Contact: MSgt Donald Gonsalves 781-377-4222
Time & Date: Once/Month - Dates vary
Place: Hanscom Air Force Base

Bellerica, Family Support Group

Contact: Karen Stocker 978-667-9312
Time: 7:00
Date: 1st Tuesday/Month
Place: St. Theresa's Parish Billerica, MA

Cape Cod, East Wareham - Veteran's Support Group

Contact: Alicen-J. McGowan PhD CAS 508-759-0009
Time: 6:30-7:30
Date: Tuesday evenings
Place: Inalienable Rights Project
3203 Cranberry Highway , Bldg. C
East Wareham , MA 02538

Cape Cod, East Wareham - Young Veteran's Support Group

Contact: Gere Unger 508-759-0009
Time: 6:30 - 8:00
Date: Thursdays evenings
Place: Inalienable Rights Project
3203 Cranberry Highway , Bldg. C
East Wareham, MA 02538

Concord, Family Support Group

Contact: Jake/Kathleen Zagata
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: 3rd Tuesday/Month @
Email: MILFAMILYSG@aol.com

Danvers, Operation Troop Support

Contact: Contact: Richard and Christine Moody 978-774-5983
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: 3rd Thursday/Month
Email: www.troopsupportusa.com

Falmouth, Military Family Support Group
Contact: Carol Kenney 508-457-2567
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Every Monday
Place: Gus Cauty Community Center

Massachusetts National Guard, Family Readiness Programs
Contact: Maureen Serecchia, State Family Program Director
888 301 3103 x7222

8 Family Assistance Centers throughout Massachusetts

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: 1st Wednesday of the month
Place: St. Joseph's Hospital, 4th 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

Rhode Island - Family & Survivors

Contact: Linda Silva, Jane Soucy 401-766-0800 x 5311
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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

Maine: BIAME.ORG 800-275-1233

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