



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 - 7:30
Date: 4th 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 Tuesday of the month
Place: Metrowest Wellness Center
761 Worcester Road
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)

Northampton Survivors and Family Support Group

Contact: Peggy Besht 413-584-6792
Time : 4:30-6:00
Date: 4th Monday of the month
Place: Forbes Library
20 West St.
Northampton, MA 01060

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-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - KnitWits of Providence Court, Knitting & Crocheting Group

Contact: Sonali Durden 413-443-6063
Time: Evening
Date: Call for specific days
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, Suite S-105
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, Break Room
299 Carew St.
Springfield, MA 01104

Taunton- Young Adult Survivor Support (Ages19-26) (PHONE SUPPORT)

Contact: Deanna 508-326-6248

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 Lingeran 781-937-3544
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Date: (usually) 1st Monday of the month
Place: Warren House, 17 Warren Ave, Apt. 101
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

Sorry, meetings temporarily suspended

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, please call

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. 508-394-2230 x3918
Date: 3rd Thursdays of the month
Time: 1:00
Dennis Senior Center
#1045 Rt.134 (Setuck Rd. & Rt. 134)
Dennis, MA 02638

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: 2nd Tuesdays of the month
Time: 6:00-7:30
Place: 55 Lake Ave.
Lazare Bld., Room 203
Worcester, MA 01604

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

Rhode Island: BIAOFRI.ORG 888-824-8911

New Hampshire: BIANH.ORG 800-773-8400

Maine: BIAME.ORG 800-275-1233

Vermont: BIAVT.ORG 877-856-1772