FAMILY, SURVIVOR & CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

CENTRAL/NORTHEAST REGION

Beverly/North Shore - Survivors
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x13
         Marcella Guerriero, #360-528-9226
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: 3rd Thursday of the month
Place: SeniorCare
       100 Cummings Center, Suite 106-H
       Beverly, MA 01915

Boston/Boston University - Survivors
Contact: Amanda Nardone #617-353-7521 or amandan@bu.edu
Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Date: 4/12, 5/17 (April is a special cooking group at off site location. Space is limited...please call to reserve a spot)
Place: Boston University
       635 Commonwealth Ave
       Sargent College, Room 610
       Boston, MA 02215

Boston/Charlestown - “BABIS” - Family & Survivors
Contact: Sally Johnson #617-952-6254
Time: 10 AM - 12 noon
Date: 1st Saturday of the month
      No meeting in July, two outings a year, please check web site.
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital, 1st Floor, Rooms A & B
       300 First Ave, Charlestown, MA 02129
Website: www.babis.info/
Boston/Charlestown - “BABIS” - Additional Group for Family/Caregivers
Contact: Sally Johnson #617- 952-6254
Time: 10:30 AM - 12 noon
Date: 1st Saturday of the month
No meeting in July, two outings a year, please check web site.
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital, 1st Floor, Rooms A & B
300 First Ave, Charlestown, MA 02129
Website: www.babis.info/

Braintree - Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group - Family & Survivors
Contacts: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan #781-585-5434
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Date: Last Thursday of the month
Place: Braintree Rehab. Hospital, 2nd Floor Conference Room C
250 Pond St, Braintree, MA 02184

Central Region Young Adult Recreation Group (18-30 y.o.)
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030
Periodic activities throughout the year
Please call for information

Concord - Post-Concussion Adult Support Group
Contact: Lori Tomasetti, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x31
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Place: 300 Baker Avenue, Conference Room A
Concord, MA 01742

Framingham - “Mild” Brain Injury Survivors
Contact: Barbara Webster #508-478-7539
Peggy Iebba
Time: 10:30 - 12:00 PM
Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (except July & August)
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

Haverhill - Brain Injury Survivors and Caregivers
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #508-475-0032
Caroline Keaney, LICSW, # 978-846-9453
Time: 6:00- 7:30 PM
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Place: Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital- 2nd Floor Dining Room
145 Ward Hill Ave., Bradford, MA 01835
Lexington - Survivor/Family Support Group
Contact: Cindy Janik #781-862-0070 x302
        Shaun Grady
Time: 3:00- 4:30 PM
Date: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
Place: Douglas House, Lower Level
       7 Oakland St, Lexington, MA 02420

Lowell - Brain Injury Survivor Support Group
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #1-800-242-0030 x13
        Laura MacFeely, BIA-MA Office # 1-800-242-0030 x 30
Time: 11:00-12:30 PM
Date: 1st Monday of the month (No meeting in July or Sept.)
Place: Lowell Community Health Center, 6th Floor
       161 Jackson St., Lowell, MA 01852

Lunenburg/North Central Mass. - Stroke & Brain Injury Support Group for Survivors, Family & Community Supporters
Contacts: Pat Read #978-660-5187 or pjr1071@aol.com
         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 or dsimoneau@milreg.org
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Date: 3rd Thursday of the month
Place: Milford Regional Medical Center
       Hill Building - 4th Floor Conference Room
       14 Prospect St, Milford, MA 01757

North Reading - Brain Injury Family & Caregiver Support Group
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x13
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Date: 1st Tuesday of the month
Place: Aldersgate United Methodist Church
       235 Park St., Classroom 1
       North Reading, MA 01864

Walpole - Survivors and Family Members
Contact: Joanne Susi #508-735-4756 or coachjsusi@verizon.net
        Michelle Kelly #508-734-0124
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Place: Walpole Housing Authority, Community Room
       8 Diamond Pond Terrace, Walpole, MA 02081
Westborough - Survivor’s Arts Group
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x13
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month (*No July or August Meetings)
Place: Brain Injury Assoc. of MA
30 Lyman St, Suite #10, Westborough, MA 01581

*Space is limited; please call before attending for the first time.

Westborough - Brain Games - Cognitive & Social Recreation Group for Survivors & Family
Contact: Lori Tomasetti, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x31
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the month (*No July Meeting)
Place: Brain Injury Assoc. of MA
30 Lyman St, Suite #10, Westborough, MA 01581

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Westborough - Creative Minds Craft Group - Survivors & Family Members
Contact: Tress Ricker, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x13
Laura MacFeely, BIA-MA Office # 800-242-0030 x30
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month
Place: Brain Injury Assoc. of MA
30 Lyman St, Suite #10, Westborough, MA 01581

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Weston - Survivor’s Council
Contacts: David “Chip” Bradley #781-894-0375 dvyd.bradley@gmail.com
Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan 781-585-5434 pat.kaufman-vaughan@outlook.com
Time: 7:00 PM
Dates: 2nd Tuesday of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.
Place: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Office
426 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493

Worcester - Family & Survivors
Contact: Beth Pusey, BIA-MA Office #800-242-0030 x19
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM
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 - Fairlawn Brain Injury Caregiver Support Group
PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING
Contact: Megan Lyons  #508-612-9662
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Date: Last Wednesday of each month
Place: Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, 2nd Floor Board Room
189 May St, Worcester, MA 01602

SOUTHEAST REGION

Barnstable/Cotuit - Family & Survivor
Contact: Jeff Garrison  #508-274-4636
Time: 10:00AM - Noon
Date: 3rd Thursday of the month
Place: Cotuit Public Library
871 Main St., Cotuit, MA 02635

Barnstable/Hyannis - Brain Injury/Epilepsy - Survivors & Caregivers
Contact: Jeff Garrison  #508-274-4636
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Date: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Place: Cape Cod Hospital
Mugar Building, Cummaquid Room
27 Park St, Hyannis, MA 02601

Bourne - “Brilliant Buzzards” - Caregiver and Survivor Support Group
Contact: Vicki Carr  #508-759-2049
Time: 5:00-6:30pm
Date: 4th Tuesday of the Month
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F (Jordan Plaza)
E. Wareham, MA 02538

Brewster - Lower Cape Caregiver Support Group
Contact: Jeff Garrison  #508-274-4636
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 4th Tuesday of the month
Place: Brewster Ladies’ Library, Lower Level
1822 Main St, Route 6, Brewster, MA 02631

Fall River - Brain Injury Survivor and Family Support Group
Contacts: Peter Thomas  #508-717-7493
John Tripp  #774-360-4503
Zelinda Pereira, BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office  #888-607-7678
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month (April Mtg. on the 13th - call for details)
Place: Fall River Public Library, Meeting Room
104 North Main St, Fall River, MA 02720
Falmouth - Stroke Support Group - Family & Survivors
Contact: Mildred Lisk #508-540-7641
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month, (*No July or August meeting)
Place: Atria Woodbriar
389 Gifford St.
Falmouth, MA 02540

North Dighton - Survivors, Family & Caregivers
Contact: Bob Cabral, #508-951-9014 or Zelinda Pereira, BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office #888-607-7678
Time: 11:00-12:30PM
Date: 4th Monday of the month
Place: St. Nicholas of Myra Church
499 Spring St.
North Dighton, MA 02764

New Bedford/Dartmouth - “Wishful Thinking Whalers” Support Group for Family & Survivors
Contact: Tracy Tarvers #774-328-8322 or Zelinda Pereira, BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office #888-607-7678
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Place: Howland Green Library
3 Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02740

Orleans - Survivors & Caregivers
Contact: Jeff Garrison #508-274-4636
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Date: 1st Tuesday of the month
Place: Spaulding Outpatient Center, Cafeteria
65 Old Colony Way, Orleans, MA 02653

Plymouth - Family & Survivors Support Group
Contact: Liz Lauzon #508-840-0522 or LizLauzon29@gmail.com
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Date: 3rd Monday of the month
Place: Plymouth Library, Otto Fellowship Room
123 South St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Plymouth - Young People’s Support Group (ages 18-35)
Contact: Lauren and Janice Fender # 508-789-0625
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Date: 4th Thursday of the month
Place: Reach Office Conference Room
20 Middle St, Plymouth, MA 02360
NEW! E. Sandwich - Spaulding Adult Post-Concussion Support Group  
Contact: Ann Pike-Paris # 508-255-3583  
Lori Tomasetti, BIA-MA Office # 800-242-0030 X 31  
Time: 10:30am-12:00pm  
Date: 1st Thursday of the Month  
Place: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Cape Cod  
1st Floor Conference Room  
311 Service Road  
East Sandwich, MA 02537

E. Sandwich - Mild Brain Injury/Aneurysm Survivors Support Group  
Contact: Jenny Quigley-Stickney #508-539-3732  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Date: 3rd Saturday of the month  
Place: Corpus Christi Church, Room 10  
324 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. (near exit 3)  
East Sandwich, MA 02537

E. Wareham - Caregiver Support Group - Morning Meetings  
Contact: Donna Bonia #508-946-1115  
Nancy Smith  
Times: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office  
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F (Jordan Plaza)  
E. Wareham, MA 02538

E. Wareham - Caregiver Support Group - Evening Meetings  
Contact: Donna Bonia #508-946-1115  
Nancy Smith  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Date: 4th Wednesday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office (Jordan Plaza)  
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F  
E. Wareham, MA 02538

E. Wareham - Young Survivors (ages 18-25)  
Contact: Carol Joyce #352-536-5812  
BIA-MA Southeastern Region Office #888-607-7678  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Date: 1st Wednesday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office  
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F (Jordan Plaza)  
E. Wareham, MA 02538
WESTERN REGION

Chicopee - Brain Injury Support Group
Contact: Jennifer Summers, BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 4th Friday of the month
Place: Service Net Enrichment Center
      355 Front St.
      Chicopee, MA  01020

Great Barrington/Southern Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (SBBISG)
Contact: Jennifer Summers, BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
         Lori Amato
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Place: Community Health Programs
       444 Stockbridge Rd, Great Barrington, MA  01230

Greenfield - Brain Injury Support Group (GBISG)
Contact: Scott Doane, Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
         Peter Guiod
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Date: 4th Wednesday of the month
Place: Baystate Franklin Medical Center
       164 High St, Greenfield, MA  01301

Hadley - Pioneer Valley Brain Injury Support Group (PVBISG) -
Family & Survivors, Caregivers & Professionals
Contact: Linda & Steve Lang-Gunn  pvbisl@gmail.com
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Date: 1st Thursday each month (*No July meeting)
Place: Hadley Housing Authority- Community Room
       42 Golden Ct., Hadley, MA 01035
Website: www.pvbisl.org

Hadley - Pioneer Valley Brain Injury Support Group (PVBISG) -
Family & Caregivers
Contact: Linda & Steve Lang-Gunn  pvbisl@gmail.com
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Date: 3rd Thursday each month (*No July meeting)
Place: Hadley Housing Authority- Community Room
       42 Golden Ct., Hadley, MA 01035
Website: www.pvbisl.org
Ludlow - Brain Injury Support Group for Survivors, Family and Caregivers (HSBISG)
Contact: Jennifer Summers, Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
        Deb White-Cabral, CTRS, #413-308-3363
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM
Date: 1st Thursday of the month
Place: Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts
       Cafeteria Conference Room
       222 State St., Ludlow, MA 01056

Northampton - Brain Injury Support Group (Northampton BISG)
Contact: Cynthia Cardeli & Stacia Bissell
        BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Time: 10:30 AM -12:30 PM
Date: 2017 Dates: 4/21, 5/12, 6/22, 7/14, 8/25, 9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/21
Place: Department of Developmental Services, Conference Room
       195 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA 01060

North Adams - Northern Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (NBBISG)
Contact: Anita & Rebecca Gleason
        Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Time: 5:00-7:00 PM
Date: 4th Tuesday of month
Place: BFAIR - Berkshire Family and Individual Resources
       771 South Church St, North Adams, MA 01247

Pittsfield - Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (BBISG)
Contact: Helen Stewart & Jeff Robinson, Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Place: Berkshire Medical Center, Center for Rehabilitation
       5th Floor Medical Arts Building
       777 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - Men’s Group - Men Only
Contact: Scott Doane, BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 2nd Friday of the month
Place: BIA-MA Western Regional Office
       180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Pittsfield - “Tea and Talk” - Women Only
Contact: Helen Stewart, BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553
Helene Robillard

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Date: 1st Thursday of the month
Place: BIA-MA Western Regional Office
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Springfield - Baystate Brain Injury Support Group (Baystate BISG) for Survivors, Family Members, Caregivers & Friends**

Contact: Helen Stewart, BIA-MA Western Regional Office #888-554-5553

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Date: 1st Wednesday of the month (*No February meeting)
Place: Baystate Medical Center
759 Chestnut St, Springfield, MA 01199

**Springfield - Mercy Brain Injury Support Group (MBISG)**

Contact: Sharon Abdalla #413-748-6892
Annette Peet

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**
(Not sponsored by BIA-MA)

**BU- Boston Aphasia Community Group - Survivors and Caregivers**

Contact: Jerome Kaplan #617-353-9867 or jhkaplan@bu.edu

Time: 11:00AM - 2:00 PM
Date: Oct. 15th, Nov., 12th and Dec.17th, 2016
Place: Boston University Sargent College, Room 102
635 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215
Website: www.bu.edu/aphasiacenter

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

Contact: Karen Halfon #617-952-6560

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Spaulding Rehab. Hospital
300 First Ave, Charlestown, MA 02129
Cambridge - MIT BRAIN TRUST
Contacts: Julie Kim, Jennifer Lee
braintrust-exec@mit.edu, bt-survivor-outreach@mit.edu
Time & Dates: Monthly events
Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)  
77 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139
braintrust.mit.edu

Pittsfield - Berkshire Medical Center Stroke Support Group
Contact: David Wasielewski #413-648-0152
Date: 1st Tuesday of each month
Place: Berkshire Medical Center, Center for Rehabilitation 
5th Floor Medical Arts Building  
777 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

E. Sandwich - Stroke Support Group & Peer Visitation Program
Contact: Jim Graham #508-420-4574
Time: 1:30-3:30 PM
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month (No meetings in July or August)
Place: Spaulding Cape Cod 
311 Service Rd, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

Westborough - Stroke Support Group, Survivors & Caregivers
Contact: Claudia Bess # 508-781-2165
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Date: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Place: Whittier Rehab. Hospital 
150 Flanders Road. Westborough, MA 01581

Westborough - Aphasia Group, providing support and practice for people with aphasia, family & friends
Contact: Molly Secrest #508-898-2371, molly.secrest@verizon.net
Time: 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
Date: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Place: Congregation B’Nai Shalom 
117 East Main St. Westborough, MA 01581
http://aphasiawestborough.com