

**Membership Form**

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Would you like to receive our FREE E-news?  Yes

I am a: *(check one)*  
 Person with brain injury  
 Family member/Friend  
 Professional

Members will receive an informative newsletter (published three times per year); access to resource material and support groups; invitation to the annual meeting and annual seminar; and association voting rights.

**Membership Fees / Categories:** (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Income	\$5 - \$15 (amt. your choice)
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Org.	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$50

**Corporations please complete the following:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name(s) and Title(s):  
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**Payment:**  
 Check Enclosed *(payable to: Brain Injury Association of NJ)*  
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**Our Mission & Our Membership**

The Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, Inc. provides education, outreach, prevention, advocacy and support services to people affected by brain injury and to the general public. It is a chartered state affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America.

BIANJ members include people with brain injuries, their families and friends, corporations and non-profit organizations, physicians, therapists, attorneys and rehabilitation service providers.

The association is funded by state grants and private contributions. To find out how you can become a member or donate to support our services, contact us at 732-745-0200.

**What is Brain Injury?**

A brain injury is often caused by a physical trauma, such as a car crash or fall. Other times, brain injury is acquired through occurrences such as a stroke or lack of oxygen.

Memory loss and fatigue are common with even a mild concussion, the most common form of brain injury. Many types of physical and cognitive problems may result depending on the severity of the injury. The emotional toll, both to the individual and loved ones, can be devastating.

Brain injury happens in an instant, but no one needs to face it alone. The Brain Injury Association of New Jersey is here to help.

**It can happen in an instant.**

**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY**

**No brain injury is too mild to ignore or too severe to lose hope.**



## Family Helpline:

**1-800-669-4323**

(Toll-free from within New Jersey)

A friendly voice on the other end of the phone may be someone's first contact with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey.

The trauma of a brain injury often goes beyond the injury and recovery. We understand, and have experienced people to find the resources and services available to you and your loved one.

Helpline professionals provide assistance in many areas and direct you to the right programs for your needs.

If someone you love has experienced a brain injury, please call us. The emotional and physical impacts of brain injury on the person and the family can be enormous and we are here to help.

## Information & Resources

The Brain Injury Association of New Jersey has an extensive library on brain injury and its consequences. We provide a wealth of information to families in need. Helpline professionals can send you materials and help you find answers. Our lists of rehabilitation programs, doctors, therapists, legal advisers and other specialists are a great starting point.

## Family Support

For people who sustained brain injuries before age 22, we help coordinate care, access services and provide direct assistance for issues faced by the person and the family. Our Family Support specialists are trained professionals who will work with you by phone or in person.

## Support Groups for Families and People with Brain Injuries

Support groups meet monthly throughout New Jersey, giving people with brain injuries and their families the opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, gain valuable emotional support and friendships, and hear speakers discuss a variety of brain injury and related topics.

## Mentoring: TBI Family CARE

Through our mentoring program, individuals and families of someone with a brain injury are matched with those who share similar experiences with brain injury. This is a one-to-one emotional and practical support program to help people address the day-to-day complications of a brain injury.

## Prevention Programs

Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults -- and the only cure is prevention. Expert speakers, resources and programs are available for many prevention efforts, including:

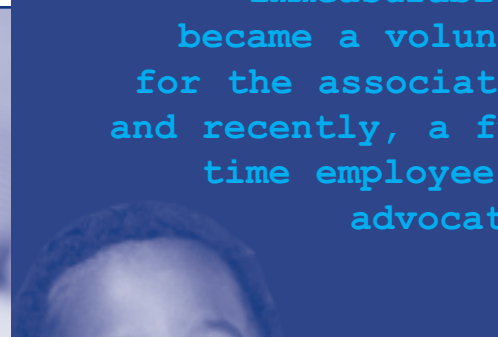
- Bicycle Safety
- Vehicle Safety
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Fall Prevention
- Sports & Recreation Safety
- Violence Prevention

## TREK

**(Together in Recreation, Exploration & Knowledge)**

TREK is a week-long summer camp and independent skills-building experience for individuals with brain injuries and a respite for their families.

**“Jordan was running across the street to his 4th birthday party. He never made it. The driver didn't see him in time to stop. That day I woke up an accountant and went to sleep the parent of a child with a brain injury. The assistance I received from the Brain Injury Association was immeasurable. I became a volunteer for the association, and recently, a full-time employee and advocate.”**



**“Erika faced weeks of rehabilitation after a severe car crash left her in a coma for 10 weeks. We knew we needed help. The Brain Injury Association was instrumental in helping us figure out what resources were available. Until then, it was like walking through a dark tunnel - you never knew when you would see the light.”**

**For more information on any of these programs or services contact us at 732-745-0200, on our Helpline at 1-800-669-4323 or visit us online at [www.bianj.org](http://www.bianj.org).**