Brain Injury Alliance NEW JERSEY
A Proud Affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America

Annual Report

FY 2025-26

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF RESILIENCE: TOGETHER, MAKING AN IMPACT



BIANJ Board President Steven Benvenisti, Esq. and CEO Wendy Berk, LCSW

This year, the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey (BIANJ) continued to turn resilience into action. Through advocacy, education, prevention, and support, we stood alongside individuals and families affected by brain injury while working to create a safer, more inclusive New Jersey.

This annual report celebrates the people, partnerships, and progress that made this year meaningful, and the strength of a community that continues to move forward together. Thank you for your continued support.

Steven Benvenisti Wendy Berk

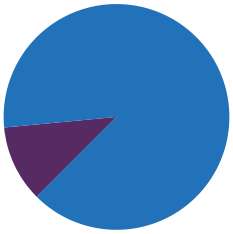
144,047 *lives touched by our programs*

133,572 *users connected to web resources*

9,812 *students taught about prevention*

2,000+ *special event attendees*

2025-26 BUDGET: $4,052,766





"The patience, support and guidance, in addition to resources and assistance from BIANJ has been life changing for me. So much has changed and it makes me very grateful."
JOHN, BIANJ CONSUMER

1,716 *people made connections in our 24 active support groups*

1,602 *seniors gained confidence through fall prevention workshops*

1,049 *peers engaged in empowerment, advocacy, and public affairs*

788 *people attended educational webinars*

553 *Helpline calls answered by our Community Resource Specialists*

383 *families supported through care coordination*

320 *professionals received advanced training*

280 *families connected to services through Support Coordination*

35 *peer mentors trained and 10 peer matches made*

29 *families adopted through the holiday giving program*

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ANNUAL RUN/WALK/ROLL FOR BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS





From Paramus to Mt. Laurel to Bradley Beach in Fall 2025, our 5K Run/Walk/Roll for Brain Injury Awareness brought together more than 1,000 families, friends, and supporters of individuals affected by brain injury. With the support of participants, teams, and sponsors, we raised more than $100,000 to fund the services and programs the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey provides.

20TH ANNUAL GALA



In March 2025, we celebrated an evening of hope, healing, and awareness at our Annual Gala: A Legacy of Resilience: 45 Years Strong. The event honored distinguished champions of advocacy, prevention, and leadership.

PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR



Nearly 250 professionals, advocates, clinicians, researchers, and community partners joined us in May 2026 for a day of learning, collaboration, and connection focused on advancing prevention and rehabilitation.

FAMILY CAMP AND CAMP TREK





In August 2026, 31 campers attended Camp TREK, our week-long residential camp. Camp TREK gives individuals with brain injury an opportunity to build social connections and have fun, while offering caregivers a week of respite from the demands of providing care. In June 2026, 56 survivors and their family members gathered for our 2nd annual Family Camp, enjoying outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, meaningful connections, and community.

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY





On March 19, we gathered at the State House in Trenton for Brain Injury Awareness Day, a day of education and advocacy focused on raising awareness of brain injury and its impact on more than 12,000 individuals and families across New Jersey.In honor of the event, the State House dome was illuminated in purple that evening, shining a light on the impact of brain injury across our state.

CHAMPION SCHOOLS



In 2026, we celebrated the 16th anniversary of our U Got Brains Champion Schools Program, a major milestone in empowering New Jersey teens to take the lead in promoting safe driving behaviors.