

Brain Injury & Disability Resources

ABIN-PA InfoLine 800.516.8052
Abuse Reports—Age 0-18 800-932-0313
Abuse Reports—Age 18+ 800.490.8505
Aging/Disability Referrals 866.286.3636
Area Agency on Aging (blue pages)
BIAPA Resource Line 800.444.6443
BrainSTEPS (Local Intermediate Unit)
CareerLink (blue pages)
ChildrensHealthInsurance 800.986.5437
Consumer Protection 800.441.2555
Crime Victim's Benefits 800.233.2339
Defense & Veterans BIC 866.966.1020
Disability Rights Network 800.692.7443
DomesticViolence Hotline 800.799.7233
Elks Nurses (care plans) 814.781.7860
Epilepsy Foundation 800.887.7165
Head Injury Program 717.772.2762
(1 year of rehab, \$100,000 max)
Health Insurance www.healthcare.gov
or 800.318.2596
Health Law Project 800.274.3258
Independent Living Ctrs 717.364.1732
Legal Aid (PA) 800.322.7572
Legal Clinic for Disabled 215.587.3350
Meals on Wheels www.mealcall.org
Medical Assistance 800.537.8862
Medicare Coverage 800.633.4227
(Part A & B have in-home services)
Medicare Complaints 800.783.7067
Office of Vocational Rehab (blue pages)
OVR Complaints 888.745.2357
Social Security 800.772.1213
Special Ed Consult Line 800.879.2301
Special Kids Network 800.986.4550
Waiver Enrollment 877.550.4227
Waiver HelpLine 800.757.5042
Women's Law Project 215.928.9801

ABIN-PA Services

"Empowering Survivors & Families to Rebuild Their Lives."

InfoLine

Resources. Problem-solving. Support.

Advocacy

Individual. Government Affairs.
Nonprofit Coalitions & Collaboratives.

Education

Conferences. Presentations.
Staff Training.

Literature

Free Monthly Newsletter.
Brochures.
Booklets.
PowerPoints.

Website

Newsletter Archives & Sign-Up.
Print Literature.
"Our Stories."
Print Resource List by Birthdate.
Rehab Facility Search by Type.
Videos.

Brochure Categories

General
Children <21
Adults 18+
Families & Caregivers
Rehabilitation
Dual Diagnosis
Justice System

Brain Injury Advisory:
Children <21

CHILDREN'S STATE SERVICES



ABIN-PA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA

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State Funding

State departments fund counties to provide services to certain groups:

- Department of Aging for 60+
- Department of Human Services
 - Office for Children, Youth & Families 0-21
 - Office for Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services for 0+
 - Office of Developmental Programs, Bureau of Supports for Persons with Intellectual Disability 3+

State departments also fund other programs that are not handled through county offices:

- Department of Education
 - Early Intervention for 3-5 (contact Intermediate Unit)
- Department of Health
 - Head Injury Program 21+
- Department of Human Services
 - Bureau of Autism Services
 - Early Intervention for 0-3 (contact Intermediate Unit)
 - Office of Long Term Living Waivers—Attendant Care 18-59, Commcare 21+, Independence 18-59, & OBRA 18-59
- Department of Labor & Industry
 - Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (blue pages)

Early Intervention

The Departments of Education and Health work together with the county Intermediate Unit to provide these services. From 0-3, services are usually provided in the home. From 3-5 services may be provided at the Intermediate Unit.

BrainSTEPS

A team located in the Intermediate Unit is available to assist the teacher and family in meeting the needs of the child through an IEP or §504 plan. Any rehabilitation must be included in the IEP for it to occur during school.

Rehab to age 21

In Pennsylvania, all disabled children under age 21 are eligible for MA regardless of parent income. Once eligible, federal Medicaid law requires the state to provide all necessary services under EPSDT, §1396dr5. This includes brain injury rehabilitation. In 2009, the billing code for Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy by an Occupational Therapist was added to the Medicaid state plan as CPT97532 for those under 21. All children with brain injury should be monitored to age 21 and receive CPT97532 as needed for normal brain development.

Vocational Rehab

Beginning at age 14, all IEPs must include transition planning for adulthood. Current efforts would have an OVR representative at every IEP meeting beginning at age 14.

Graduation

Public school graduation can be delayed to age 21. This may be helpful if much time has been lost or the child has a reduced class load.

Without Rehabilitation?

While difficult to arrange, rehab after brain injury is essential to allow the child a chance at a successful adult life. The child may need to re-learn foundation skills, understand any limitations and work to resolve them, learn compensatory strategies, and master assistive technology. Without rehab, 1 in 3 adolescents will be arrested within 5 years of a traumatic brain injury. In current PA studies, 50% of youth in detention had a prior traumatic brain injury along with 73% of those being discharged from state prison. Your primary care physician needs to provide a referral, then the Special Needs Coordinator in the physical health plan will arrange rehab.