

## 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](http://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](http://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:  
General

## FINANCIAL PLANNING



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

InfoLine: 215.699.2139  
Toll-Free: 1.800.516.8052  
[info@abin-pa.org](mailto:info@abin-pa.org)  
[www.abin-pa.org](http://www.abin-pa.org)

## Long Term Planning is Essential for Recovery

After a brain injury, many people need several years of rehabilitation before they can be independent again. During this time, expenses and responsibilities continue—and there is the added cost of needed care—while the extent of recovery remains unknown.

Reality may lie between total recovery and total disability, so financial security is essential. A Special Needs Trust may be needed to protect access to public benefits.

## Possible Income

- Automobile—Lost Wages
- Disability—Short or long-term, employer or private
- Employment or Wages
- Pension—former employer or a private plan, spouse coverage
- Social Security Dependent (child of disabled worker)
- Social Security Disability (SSDI) (work history, contributions)
- Social Security Retirement (age, contributions)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) low assets and income
- Workers' Compensation (injured on the job)

## Medical Benefits

- Automobile—First Party Medical
- CHIP (all children from families who are not Medicaid-eligible)
- Elks Nurses—care coordination
- Employee health insurance
- Long Term Care Policy
- MAWD—MA for Disabled Workers
- Medical Assistance—All disabled children. Disabled adults with limited assets and income.
- Medicare—2-year wait after SSDI—Parts A & B offer in-home care.
- PA DOH Head Injury Program
- Private health insurance
- Worker's Compensation (injury)
- [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

## Public Benefits

- Childcare
- County Office on Aging
- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Heating costs (LIHEAP)
- Home modifications, tax rebates
- HUD Section 8 housing vouchers
- Meals on Wheels—home delivery
- Paratransit, Shared Ride for PWD
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF—with children)
- Ticket to Work (SSDI)
- Waivers—Attendant Care, OBRA, Commcare, Independence - personal assistance, rehabilitation, housing, pre-vocational training.

## Private Assets

- Home equity
- Investments, IRA's, 401(k)'s
- Life insurance or cash value
- Other real estate
- Savings, CD's
- Valuable collections

## Future Income

- Accidental death or dismemberment insurance
- Inheritance
- Personal Injury Lawsuits
- Patents
- Royalties
- Uninsured/underinsured motorist

## Sources of Information

Your social worker, attorney, and financial planner can help. Check [www.abin-pa.org](http://www.abin-pa.org) for Links and:

Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. [www.cfp.net](http://www.cfp.net)  
The ARC Community Trust of PA [www.arccommunitytrustpa.org](http://www.arccommunitytrustpa.org)  
NAMI Special Needs Trust (enter into Search engine)  
[Wrightslaw.com](http://Wrightslaw.com)  
"planning for the future"  
Special Needs Alliance—attorneys' association for special needs [www.specialneedsalliance.com](http://www.specialneedsalliance.com)