

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:
General

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS



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
www.abin-pa.org

General

When brain injury causes difficulty with memory and thinking, legal issues are a challenge. Get the very best legal representation, keep a record of phone calls, and organize papers in file folders. Family or a guardian may need to assist. See the back panel for Legal Aid, Disability Rights Network, PA Health Law Project, Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Women's Law Project, and OVR Complaints.

Motor vehicle accidents

- Notify your insurance company immediately to arrange for medical benefits, lost wages, uninsured and underinsured motorist claims, and car repairs.
- If you are sued, your insurance company pays for your attorney and any decision against you.
- If you are not at fault, find a personal injury lawyer who will get a percentage if you win.
- After auto insurance medical benefits are exhausted, send all bills to your health insurance.
- When reviewing a settlement offer, consider the present value of lifetime costs for total disability and the possible jury outcome.
- Is a Special Needs Trust needed?

Social Security Disability

SSDI requires a certain number of paid quarters. Takes several years. Apply through your local SS office. Get help from a Social Security attorney.

Supplemental Security

SSI requires disability plus low income and assets. County Assistance Office.

Victims Compensation

Benefits for crime victims. Search on Victims Compensation PA. File online or call 1.800.233.2339.

Workers' Compensation

Wages and accident-related bills for injuries on the job. Your Workers' Compensation attorney is paid a percent of your settlement. Don't settle until you can return full time.

Don't be scammed

People with disabilities are frequently scammed or tormented. Avoid prizes, trips, contracts, investments, land sales, inventory, business offers, loan requests and special deals. Don't sign anything or give out personal, banking or credit card details before seeking advice from a long-term trusted relative, friend, advisor or attorney.

Medical Coverage

- Medical Assistance: Disabled with low income and assets. Sign up thru COMPASS online or your county assistance office.
- Medicare begins at 65 or two years after Social Security Disability starts. Part A covers hospital visits. Part B covers physicians. Part D is for drugs.
- Affordable Health Care Act— use marketplace.gov / 800.328.2596 during signup periods or when coverage is lost. The average premium is \$69/month.

Ticket to Work

If you are on SSDI or SSI, there are complicated rules for retaining benefits when returning to work. Contact the Disability Rights Network at 800.692.7443 to avoid penalties.

Guardianship

Google "Guardianship in PA Disability Rights Network."

Public School

Contact the Intermediate Unit for help from the BrainSTEPS Team. Find a special education attorney to help with a §504 plan or IEP.