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Brain Injury Association of Texas

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# Join US!

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The BIATX was organized in 1982 as the Texas Head Injury Association by a group of family members and healthcare professionals. BIATX was formed due to a sense of frustration that was experienced regarding the limited information and resources that were available at that time for those affected by brain injury.

Prior to 1982 there was no public or private agency in Texas dedicated to providing emotional support, advice, guidance or other help for those who were suddenly

faced with both the immediate and potentially long-term effects of brain injury. This organization is dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of the dignity of life for persons with brain injuries and their families.

The Brain Injury Association of Texas, chartered as a non-profit public service organization, strives to meet the urgent need to develop programs for public awareness and education, to support research and rehabilitation and to provide family guidance. Funds to accomplish these from individuals, business and industry, and public donations and grants.

The BIATX has accepted this challenge and is committed to goals designed to bring the issue of brain injury to statewide attention and to provide these programs and services so urgently needed.

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## Information and Referral Sources

This is especially helpful for people struggling with recent injuries who are trying to connect to available services. Hastings Communications answers our calls 24 hours per day. Most calls are returned by one of our Board members or volunteers within 48 hours.

## Connecting to Local Support Groups

The Brain Injury Association works to connect families with local support groups. It is very important for survivors and family members to get together and see that they are not alone in their struggle to function independently in the community.

## Education for Survivors and Families

Education for the public about the epidemic of brain injury and about the multiple needs for those affected by brain injury is a high priority. It is critical that survivors and families know about services available to them.

## Prevention Strategies

There is no cure for traumatic brain injury. Therefore, our efforts are focused on prevention. Such efforts include public awareness of shaken baby syndrome, publicizing the risks associated with contact sports, preventing serious brain injury following concussion, and promoting early response to trauma. Brain injuries CAN be prevented.

## Public Policy Issues

Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children and one of the most significant causes of death and disability in adults. In light of this, there are numerous public policy issues that must be addressed regarding brain injury. The Brain Injury Association of Texas takes an active role in preserving services that already exist and encouraging appropriations to end waiting lists for service programs. You can aid our grassroots movement by signing up for our legislative alerts.

## Coalition Building

This is one of the most challenging and important needs. Finding, developing, and nurturing natural alliances - such as with the Rehabilitation Council of Texas, Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, The Disability Policy Consortium, The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and many others - is a constant focus of the BIATX.

## Media Outreach

Wherever possible, BIATX will publicize our events and initiatives through traditional media outlets. We can also provide experts to comment upon current news stories relating to brain injury.

## Educational Opportunities

For more than 20 years we have developed conferences that attract nationally recognized speakers. We present new research in the field, changes and developments in services, provider information and opportunities for people with brain injury to share their strength, stories, struggles and success. In the Future we will debut on-line CEU training for professionals through this web site.

## Volunteer opportunities

- Joining BIATX Committees
- Staffing annual or Regional Conference
- Community Walk For Thought Chair
- Legislative advocate
- Hospital visitation

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact our offices at:  
**(800)392-0040**



## Member Registration

Membership Levels	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation	\$00.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual / Regional Meeting	\$00.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk For Thought	\$00.00

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