

Impact on the Injured Individual



Cognitive changes:

Common problems include difficulty with memory (short or long-term) and concentration. Often these individuals

encounter problems communicating ideas, processing information, and initiating actions. As a result, the person may have difficulty in attempts to return to school or work.



Physical changes:

Persons with a brain injury may have both motor and sensory changes. Some of the more prevalent changes include

decreased eye-hand coordination, weakness on one side, balance problems, and fatigue. These changes can cause mobility and medical problems.



Emotional and behavioral changes:

Emotional changes can occur as a direct result of injury to the brain or as a result of the situation the

injured now find themselves in. Depression, anger, impulsivity, and withdrawal are common problems. These changes in personality may affect the person's ability to interact appropriately with both family and community.

Impact on the Family



Like other serious health issues, brain injury affects the family of the injured. At the onset, most are totally uninformed about brain injury and anxious about what the future holds. They find themselves searching frantically for information.

CURRENTLY OVER 61,000 SOUTH CAROLINIANS

have a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury.

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI): Injury to the brain that occurs after birth

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): insult to the brain caused by an external physical force

Common Causes of Brain Injury are:

- motor vehicle accidents
- falls
- abuse
- sports-related injuries
- stroke
- anoxia (lack of oxygen to the brain)
- seizure disorders
- certain infectious diseases
- toxic exposure

IMPACT OF BRAIN INJURY

Regardless of the cause, brain injury can cause a wide range of functional changes affecting thinking, sensation, language, and/or emotions.

THE NEED TO KNOW MORE

After a brain injury, questions regarding recovery, long-term effects, and coping mechanisms are common. Families need information about brain injury, its consequences, and resources in their community and around the state. Both persons with brain injury and their families can benefit from talking with others who have been through similar situations. The Brain Injury Association of South Carolina can help by providing general information about brain injury as well as by connecting these families to others who have had similar experiences.



The Brain Injury Association of South Carolina (BIASC) was developed by persons with brain injury, their families, and concerned professionals in an effort to provide information and support to those who have experienced a brain injury.

The BIASC is our state's chartered affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America.

OUR SERVICES:

Support Groups: These are forums for emotional support, education, and recreation. Contact BIASC for current locations.

Information: BIASC provides information about brain injury via phone, email, website, newsletters, Facebook, Twitter and an onsite Resource Library.

Education and Advocacy: The BIASC supports statewide and regional conferences on brain injury for families and persons with brain injury, as well as professionals. Educational efforts also include local and state governmental agencies and service providers.

Prevention: BIASC supports prevention initiatives through public schools and communities throughout the state.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please contact Joyce Davis,

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803-731-9823 for more information

WE NEED YOU!

In order to continue providing the best services to brain injury survivors and their families, the brain injury association of South Carolina needs the support of individuals like you! By becoming a member, you help us strengthen the voice of the brain injury community throughout South Carolina. We hope you will join us in pursuing our mission and consider us when making your charitable contributions.

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