

Diagnosed with Brain Injury?

If you or a family member has impairments as a result of a brain injury, you should know about the resources listed below. This is not an exhaustive list of resources in South Carolina, but includes those that are vital when first seeking information about public resources. Please see the back page for resources specifically geared towards children.

General Resources

The **Brain Injury Association of South Carolina** offers brain injury information and resources, support groups, prevention materials, awareness events, and statewide conferences and workshops for individuals with brain injuries, caregivers and the general public.

Toll Free in SC: 877-TBI-FACT (877-824-3228); www.biaofsc.com

If you can't afford to pay for medical care, **South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid** can assist financially eligible people to get care from approved providers. A person must apply for Medicaid at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. An electronic application is available on the website.

Toll Free: 888-549-0820; www.scdhhs.gov

For financial assistance, the **Social Security Administration** provides applications for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income.

Toll Free: 800-772-1213; www.socialsecurity.gov

The **SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department** provides rehabilitation services for people with disabilities leading to competitive employment. The agency also serves eligible school-age individuals in an effort to support their transition into the competitive work environment. The Brain Injury Program provides services to identify barriers to employment and develop behavior and compensatory strategies to improve their work-related performance. For ages 16 and up.

Toll Free: 800-832-7526; www.scvrd.net

SC Brain Injury Leadership Council is SC's advisory body on brain injury as mandated under the federal TBI Act of 1996. It is an active forum for addressing systems issues, service gaps, funding constraints, and public awareness related to brain injury.

www.scbilc.com

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities provides legal assistance and information to people with disabilities who feel their rights are being violated or are having difficulty accessing services.

Toll Free: 866-275-7273 (Voice), 866-232-4525 (TTY); www.pandasc.org

The **SC Department of Mental Health** provides a full range of community and inpatient services to citizens of all ages who have emotional or psychiatric problems.

Toll Free: 800-763-1024; www.state.sc.us/dmh/

Get Care SC is a resource that allows seniors, caregivers, and adults with disabilities to search for service providers in their area.

Toll Free: 800-868-9095; www.getcaresc.com

Children's Resources

The **SC Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Children**, ensures that all children with disabilities in South Carolina have a free and appropriate public education, protects the rights of these children and their parents, and provides leadership to school districts and state-operated programs in the provision of appropriate special educational services.

Main Number 803-734-8224; <http://ed.sc.gov>

Brain Injury Navigator is a web resource for students, families and educators. Did you know that each year over 900 South Carolina students are returning to school after sustaining a brain injury? Visit this website for information and resources for students, families, and educators on brain injury and school re-entry.

www.Binav.org

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The **SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Children with Special Health Care Needs**, operates a variety of programs for children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or severe developmental delays. Of particular interest, the Children's Rehabilitative Services program helps ensure access to appropriate medical (and related) services for SC residents under the age of 21 with a range of chronic illnesses and/or handicapping conditions living in households with adjusted family income under 250% of the federal poverty level.

Care Line: 800-868-0404;

<http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/ChildTeenHealth/ServicesforChildrenwithSpecialHealthCareNeeds/>

Healthy Connections Medicaid BabyNet is an early intervention program that provides services to infants and toddlers under 3 years of age with developmental delays or who have conditions associated with developmental delays. To the maximum extent possible, services are provided in the child's natural environments.

803-898-0629; Office: 803-734-8077;

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/babynet/site-page/local-contact-information>

The **SC Department of Social Service's** mission is to serve South Carolina by promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, helping individuals achieve stability and strengthening families. SCDSS administers economic assistance programs including federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides employment and training for people receiving cash assistance. The Department administers food assistance programs in every county in South Carolina. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal benefit to assist low income people in the purchase of food. Also, a commodities program distributes supplemental food through a network of food banks. Other food programs provide financial assistance for child and adult care providers, homeless shelters and summer feeding sites for children. The Department also administers the child support enforcement program under federal Title IV-D and other child support services, including fatherhood initiatives.

(800) 768- 5858; <https://dss.sc.gov/about/agency-overview/>