



Greenville Resident, Dede Norungolo, Brain Injury Survivor

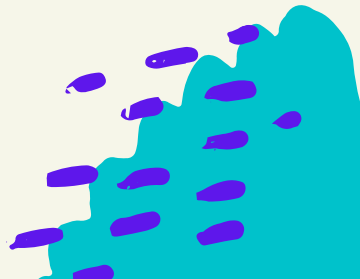



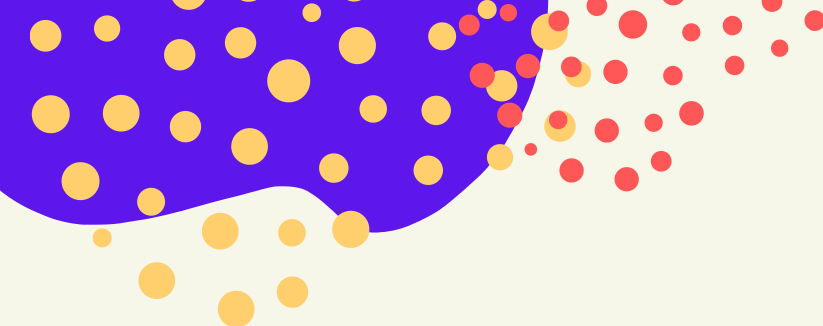


After experiencing a moderate traumatic brain injury in 1999, the journey back from the incident started with the support of folks in rehabilitative services. Six years after the accident, I found myself saying: ‘I want to work with brain injury survivors to help them reintegrate into the workforce, community, faith, and academia.’”

I’ve served as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, disability specialist at an ACC institution, and now work as a mental health therapist in an outpatient setting. I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor – first and foremost. That is the foundation! That is my WHY and my WHY not.

I’ve chosen to share my experience once again under the theme – More than my brain injury ... - to express my gratitude for the many individuals I have met over the years as I discovered a new career path and how to live with invisible disabilities.





As someone who has benefited from services provided by the Brain Injury Association of S.C., I'm so honored to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for BIASC to further promote its services, events, and the annual Life with Brain Injury Conference.

The journey has been long, but fulfilling with the help of the staff and volunteers at the BIA of S.C. If you are reading this, chances are you have been somehow touched by brain injury.

Maybe you are the family member of someone who has been injured. Maybe you are a thriver following a brain injury. I hope you will reach out the BIA of SC to contribute your many skills, talents, and time as a volunteer so that we can continue to raise money and awareness for brain injury services across the Palmetto State.

