

# Brain Injury or Stroke?

It IS complicated and we can help!

Brain injury, concussion or stroke can happen to anyone, anywhere, at anytime. Brain injury is a result of damage to the brain, which can be caused by non-traumatic or traumatic events.

In lowa, there are more than 95,000 lowans living with disability from acquired brain injury. An estimated 17,000 traumatic brain injuries occur annually in lowa.

Brain injury is often called a "silent epidemic" because many of the effects are invisible.

Major causes of brain injury include:

- Stroke
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Falls
- Physical Assaults
- Concussion
- Medical Conditions
- Anoxia (or lack of oxvgen)
- And many others

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### **Our Services**



#### Neuro Resource Facilitation

A free service that helps people with brain injury find information about the services and support they may need.



### Tote Bags



Includes information & resources on common physical, emotional, social, cognitive and family changes after brain injury.



## Educational & Training Opportunities

Community trainings, online webinars, and annual conferences and events.



### Case Consultations

Technical assistance for professionals on how to support individuals and families experiencing brain injury.



### Support Groups

BIAIA is affiliated with several support groups in communities throughout lowa.



### Advocacy

BIAIA works to increase awareness of brain injury, develop support systems, and distribute information about brain injury.

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