

Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa 2024 Advocacy Goals



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Since 1980

The Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa has been a collaborative of Iowans with brain injury, their family members, caregivers, health care professionals, community-based providers, and volunteers, and staff who work to ***“create a better future through advocacy, education, research, prevention, and support.”***

Over the past four-decades BIAIA has developed and advocated for policy that has resulted in:

- The Iowa Medicaid Brain Injury Home and Community Based Services waiver as well as the use of a brain injury assessment for service intensity.
- Iowa’s Youth Sports Concussion law, return to play and return to learn guidelines and protocols.
- The Brain Injury Services Program within DHHS deploying specialized support via Neuro Resource Facilitation and training.
- Savings to the State of more than \$30 million on \$10 million of investment (in Medicaid and Justice expense avoidance).

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

Brain Injury is the leading cause of death & disability in children and young adults.

1,700,000
This year, 1.7 million Americans will sustain a traumatic brain injury.

Together we can make a difference in reducing brain injuries.

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The mission of the United States Brain Injury Alliance is to engage the community in preventing brain injury and improving lives.

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LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS



#2: Increase Funding for the Medicaid Services and Waiting Lists.

Currently more than 3,000 on formal Brain Injury Waiver waiting list.

EQUALLY CONCERNING: individuals approved for services cannot access them due to lack of provider ability to recruit and retain staff (reimbursement rates too low).

Medicaid Waiver services are medically necessary services and supports to people with brain injury who's medical and support needs are high enough to require an "institutional level of care," (nursing home) but who can live in the wider community with appropriate services and supports.

#1: \$1.25 million (20% increase) to Brain Injury Services Program (BISP) at DHHS

To respond to increased demand and referral from Stroke and other acquired brain injury in Iowa as well as inflationary pressure after 5+ years of level funding. Accessible to all Iowans with brain injury. Supports early recovery and adaptation thus avoiding unemployment and need for state support. The BISP funds Neuro Resource Facilitation - a national best practice that has a proven return on investment in Iowa of more than 200%. Funding will support cost effective service to Iowans with stroke and other acquired brain injury.

