



**BRAIN INJURY  
ASSOCIATION**  
OF AMERICA - TEXAS

## Statewide Community Council

### Overview

The Brain Injury Association of America – Texas Chapter (BIAA-TX) **Community Council** serves as a vital, statewide advocate for the Brain Injury Association of America. Each volunteer-led committee will execute the mission, vision and strategic goals of the BIAA across Texas by tailoring outreach, resources and services of BIAA to the state’s culture and specific needs.

From the Valley to the Panhandle, members of the Community Council maximize their talents and resources by mobilizing their lived and professional expertise along with their connections to local, national and international brain injury resources, colleagues and peers.

### Committees

| Committee                    | Purpose  |
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| <b>Community Development</b> | Increase access to survivor and caregiver resources and care by identifying gaps in availability and providing sustainable solutions |
| <b>Fund Development</b>      | Make warm introductions to donors and raise funds to strengthen and expand BIAA - TX’s mission                                       |
| <b>Policy &amp; Advocacy</b> | Elevate and champion legislative issues impacting the brain injury community in Texas  |
| <b>Provider Education</b>    | Increase providers’ brain injury knowledge through BIAA’s Academy of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) educational programs           |

# Committee Chairs

- Work collaboratively with BIAA - TX Chapter Executive Director to design monthly agenda with goals and deliverables
- Report progress and needs to the full Community Council quarterly

## Community Development Committee

- Increase resources by discovering those available and where the gaps exist in the community including support groups, supportive services and all items that improve access to high-quality treatment and care
- Develop innovative pathways to connect communities with relevant brain injury information
- Partner with providers to inspire a comprehensive continuum of care for brain injury survivors and their support networks
- Promote key 3rd party events surrounding important public awareness campaigns
- Serve a two-year commitment

## Fund Development Committee

- Raise funds through foundations, government contracts and corporate and individual giving
- Solicit event sponsorships for BIAA - TX's annual fundraising event, Luminary of the Year
- Recruit volunteer leaders to assist with execution of fundraising events
- Provide connectivity to speakers, vendors and prospective donors for events
- Engage participation in key 3rd party events surrounding important public awareness campaigns
- Serve a two-year commitment

# Policy & Advocacy Committee

- Elevate legislative issues impacting the brain injury community in Texas
- Act as a collective spokesperson to the State on important federal issues as identified by the BIAA Advocacy Committee and Government Affairs team
- Develop statewide policy agenda (with other council leaders)
- Grow “grassroots” and “grass top” support for policy initiatives
- Support and attend policy events including Brain Injury Day at the Capitol (Austin) and BIAA National Conference & Awareness Day (D.C.)
- Serve a two-year commitment

# Provider Education Committee

- Collaborate with BIAA staff to recruit potential Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) participants
- Develop innovative pathways to connect communities with relevant brain injury information
- Partner with providers to inspire a comprehensive continuum of care for brain injury survivors and their support networks
- Promote key 3rd party events surrounding important public awareness campaigns
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# Contact Information

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