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## APRIL 2024

The Brain Injury Association of Hawaii (BIHi aka BIAH) was unusually active this month with activities.

The Brain Injury Oahu Support Group held dual presentations at its April 27th group meeting. An FBI agent spoke with the group regarding frauds and scams for the elderly and

Sienna Byrne, the TBI survivor participated in the Miss Hawaii USA pageant and came in third place runner up.

BIHi collaborated with the Hawaii Bicycle League, the Department of Health Neurotrauma Program, the Queen's Medical Center and Kapiolani Women and Children's Hospital at the Nuuanu YMCA Healthy Kids Fair on April 27th. Queen's Medical Center

it was a busy month ... looking forward to May -- National Stroke Awareness month.

Thank you and be well,

Billie "BJ" Wade

# BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII JOINS IN CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EMME TOMIMBANG BURNS

**A Celebration of Life** was held April 27, 2024 at the Filipino Cultural Center for Hawaii broadcast pioneer and staunch brain injury supporter, Emme Tomimbang Burns. Emme was the headline speaker at the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii's 2022 Fundraiser. As a result of a generous donation made on behalf of Emme, the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii was able to hold its successful 2024 education and resource conference -- the first conference in 10 years. Emme also spearheaded a presentation about her caregiving journey as she shared her experiences caring for her husband, retired Judge

The celebration was attended by BJ Wade who spoke with program host Lynn Waters. BJ expressed appreciation for the program including Emme's commitment to the brain injury community. The much loved pioneer will be greatly missed.



***MAHALO EMME!***

# MEGAN DOOLEY GIVES PRESENTATION AT BRAIN INJURY OAHU SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

March 30, 2024



**MEGAN DOOLEY** Speech Language Therapist  
shares information with BIOSG members



Contact Megan at the following phone and email address:

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# BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII SUPPORTS BRAIN INJURY SURVIVOR SIENNA BYRNE



Photo courtesy of YouTube - KHON2 News - Apr 20, 2024

Sienna Byrne, a TBI survivor representing Waimea, placed 3rd runner up in the 2024 Miss Hawaii pageant. Sienna was selected "Most Photogenic" of the contestants. BJ Wade and Alitoya Huxel attended the pageant on behalf of the Brain Injury of Hawaii Association in support of Sienna. Sienna spoke of her wish to use her platform to share her TBI experience and bring brain injury awareness to the general public. The telecast event touted as a formal affair was viewed by thousands. Sienna is a shining example of going forward with life after a TBI -- a true Brain Injury Warrior.





## APRIL 27, 2024 HEALTHY KIDS FAIR

The Brain Injury Association of Hawaii collaborates with the YMCA, Queens Medical Center, the Department of Health Neurotrauma Program and the Hawaii Bicycle League to bring bike rodeos to community health fairs. Queens Hospital provides helmets. More than 100 keiki received free helmets and participated in the bike rodeo.



Honolulu Psychology practicum students Amari Ephraim and Priya Pandey assist Michele Tong in passing out safety tips and materials provided by the Department of Hawaii Neurotrauma Program

# BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS, AND RELATED PRESENTATIONS COURSES & PRESENTATIONS (In Person and Virtual)

Support group title: Aloha Independent Living Hawaii **Big Island Mixed Group Support Group**

Format: In-person at various locations on Hawaii island

Dates: **Third Thursday of every month**

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm HST

Location: Varies

Additional information: Comprised of adults with various disabilities, the group meets for fellowship and peer support. For more information, please contact Karin Riedel at 808-333-2408.

Support group title: Aloha Independent Living Hawaii **Kauai Laulima Peer Support Group**

Format: In-person on Kauai

**Dates: Last Thursday of the month** HST

Additional information: For times, location, and other information, contact Holly Pickens-Torres at 808-652-6092

Support group title: Aloha Independent Living Hawaii **Molokai Keiki Support Group**

Format: In-person on Molokai

**Dates: Every third Wednesday of the month**

**Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm HST**

Location: Home Pumehana, Conference Room #1

Additional information: Contact Luana Angliam at 808-866-3792.

Support group title: Aloha Independent Living Hawaii **Molokai Youth Support Group**

Format: In-person on Molokai

**Dates: Every fourth Friday of the month**

**Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am HST**

Location: Home Pumehana, Conference Room #1

Additional information: Contact Luana Angliam at 808-866-3792.

Support group title: Aloha Independent Living Hawaii **Molokai Non-Ambulatory Support Group**

Format: In-person on Molokai

**Dates: Every second Friday of the month**

**Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am HST**

Location: Home Pumehana, Conference Room #1

Additional information: Consumers have the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding issues they are facing within their community and how they will move forward to take action as a group. For more information, please contact Luana Angliam at 808-866-3792.

Support group title: **Brain Injury Oahu Support Group (BIOSG)**

Format: In-person on Oahu

**Dates: The last Saturday of each month: March 30, 2024**

**Times: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon HST**

Location: Catholic Charities Clarence TC Ching Campus, 1822 Keeaumoku Street, Room 3, Honolulu, HI

Additional information: Call or text BJ Wade at 808-221-8330.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrainInjuryAssociationOfHawaii/>

Email: [braininjuryofhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:braininjuryofhawaii@gmail.com)

Support group title: **Creative Arts Program**

Format: In-person on Oahu

Cost: \$15 per session

**Days: Available Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Location: REHAB Hospital of the Pacific, 227 North Kuakini Street, Honolulu, HI 96817

Additional information: For current and former REHAB inpatients and outpatients. Registration is required. Contact Melissa Mullen, Patient Experiences Manager, by email at [art@rehabhospital.org](mailto:art@rehabhospital.org) or by phone at 808-566-3741

Website: <https://www.rehabhospital.org/programs/creative-arts-program>

Support group title: **C.A.N. (CRUSH ABLEISM NOW) LUNCH CLUB** Format: In-person on Oahu

Dates: **TBA** - Times: **TBA**

Location: University of Hawaii at Manoa campus

Additional information: Monthly social lunch meeting for the disabled, chronically ill and neurodivergent University of Hawaii community, and anyone who wants to learn more about disability solidarity. Bring your own lunch. Light pupus provided. Contact Dr. Daniela Bond-Smith at [db48@hawaii.edu](mailto:db48@hawaii.edu) or call 808-203-7191. Optional registration: <https://go.hawaii.edu/gYk>

Support group title: **HILO STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** Format: Virtual

Dates: **Second Tuesday of each month** Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm HST

To join the group:

[https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ehihalawai.zoom.us/j/91814580807?pwd=%3DSzRIZVJZTHFzVzFzSINwQnlzUHg2QT09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1653250928593396&usq=AOvVaw129kpUEQcZJJKEfK-Cu\\_bt](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ehihalawai.zoom.us/j/91814580807?pwd=%3DSzRIZVJZTHFzVzFzSINwQnlzUHg2QT09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1653250928593396&usq=AOvVaw129kpUEQcZJJKEfK-Cu_bt)

Support group title: **Hui Malama Po'o Support Group**

Format: In-person in Honolulu, HI

Dates: **Third Saturday of each month**

Times: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm HST

Location: REHAB Hospital of the Pacific, 226 N. Kuakini Street, Honolulu, HI 96817, Wo 4

Additional information: The Hui Malama Po'o support group objectives are to use crafting as cognitive therapy, provide support to people with brain and other neurotrauma injuries, educate others about neurotrauma through community outreach, give back to the community through Hui activities and events, and offer its products to sustain the group by collecting enough funds to purchase materials for crafting activities. For more information, contact Val Yamada at 808-385-5462.

Support group title: **MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER STROKESUPPORT GROUP** Format: Virtual

Dates: **Third Thursday of each month** Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm HST

To join the meeting: Request the meeting link from Mariah Mossman at

[mariah.mossman@kp.org](mailto:mariah.mossman@kp.org) (email contact preferred) or call 1-808-442-5773 Additional information: <https://www.mauhealth.org/calendar/?Topic=Stroke>



Support group title: **Kona Brain Injury Support Group**

Format: Hybrid – In-person in Kona, HI, and online via Zoom

Dates: **Second Wednesday of each month**

Time: Varies to accommodate speakers or for other reasons, so always check the start time

To join the meeting online: Go to Zoom at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com). In the upper right-hand corner, click “Join Meeting” and enter Meeting ID 808 274 6477. You will be placed in the virtual waiting room and the host will let you into the meeting.

To join the meeting in person: The meeting location is Anderson Wealth Planning, 75-1000 Henry Street, Suite 200. (In the same building as Planet Fitness.)

Additional information: Contact Karen Klemme at [kklemme@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kklemme@hawaii.rr.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2671644676391469>

Support group title: **QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER STROKE SURVIVORS ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP: HOW TO THRIVE ON OUR ISLANDS AFTER STROKE**

Format: Virtual

Dates: **Second Wednesday of each month** Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm HST

Additional information: Free but register online to get Webex link.

<https://www.queens.org/events/survivor-stroke-online-support-group-how-to-thrive-on-our-islands-after-stroke-2/?occurrence=2022-02-09&time=1644427800>

State and National Virtual Support Groups for Brain Injuries,  
Head Injuries and Caregivers

<https://www.biausa.org/public-affairs/media/virtual-support-groups>

American Stroke Association Stroke Support Group Finder

<https://www.stroke.org/en/stroke-support-group-finder>

## ***I SEE YOU ~ I HEAR YOU PROGRAM***

### **THE HONOLULU PSYCHOLOGY COLLECTIVE CONTINUES TO OFFER TALK STORY SESSIONS FOR BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS. THE SESSIONS ARE OFFERED AT NO COST TO MEMBERS**

The Honolulu Psychology Collective is a private group therapy practice founded by Brain Injury Association of Hawaii Board member Allana Coffee, Ph.D. and her husband Jerry Coffee, LCSW. Both Allana and Jerry have been in practice for a total of 40 years. They have combined their experience, knowledge and love of the community to establish and support the Honolulu Psychology Collective (HPC).

HPC is comprised of clinical psychologists, clinical social workers and licensed marriage and family counselors who have a high level of experience, knowledge and compassion.

Honolulu Psychology Collective offers evidence based therapy with warmth and care.



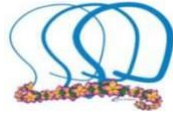
Allana Coffee, Ph.D. and Jerry Coffee, LCSW  
*HPC Founders*

**Brain Injury Awareness includes recognizing the need to address the mental health of brain injury survivors, their family and caretakers**

**If you are a member of the Brain Injury Association of Hawaii and a brain injury survivor or a family member or caretaker of a survivor -- go to**

**<https://honolulupsychologycollective.com/inquiry-form>**

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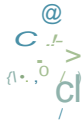
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