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## MAY - NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

A stroke is a brain injury. The Hawaii Brain Association of Hawaii (BIHi aka BIAH) gives kudos to the dedication and hard work of the Hawaii Stroke Coalition who tirelessly works to get the word out to the Hawaii community about strokes and stroke prevention. HSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which oversees the state of Hawaii stroke system of care. It is comprised of a multi-organization community group with voting members from every acute care hospital in Hawaii.

In 2019, HSC began training EMS providers for prehospital recognition of patients with suspected large vessel strokes. Later that year, HSC implemented Oahu EMS triage and transfer guidelines to bypass the nearest hospital and directly transport designated patients for potential mechanical treatment in an ambulance. For more information go to:

<https://hawaiistrokecoalition.org/about-hsc/>

A TBI is a disability. Ms. Gita Dwijayati will make an appearance at the Pacific Disabilities Center in person or by Zoom on May 22, 2024 from 1 to 2. Ms. Dwijayati is from Indonesia and will share a cultural presentation about Indonesia, about people with disabilities in Indonesia, and parallels with Hawaii. See below for more information.

Thank you and be well,

Billie "BJ" Wade



## Ms. Gita Dwijayati



**City, Country**  
Cimahi, Indonesia

**Languages**  
English  
Indonesian

**Education**  
Masters, International  
Tourism and Hospitality  
Management, Sheffield  
Hallam University

Bachelors, Architecture,  
Bandung Institute of  
Technology

**Current Title and Place of Work**

Co-Founder, Tune Map and Lecturer, Suryakencana University

**Professional Experience**

Gita Nofieka is the founder of Tune Map, a crowdsourcing app platform to navigate visually impaired people within the cities in Bandung, Indonesia. As a part of this work, she also believes that designing cities and infrastructure while raising awareness of disability and inclusivity issues is important in creating an inclusive city, as many people in her city are unaware of the daily challenges faced by people with disabilities. On several occasions, she has been a speaker on the topics of inclusive cities, smart cities, and disability issues. In addition to her work with Tune Map, Gita serves as a lecturer in International Business Administration at Suryakencana University in Cianjur.

**Fellowship Goals**

While on the YSEALI PFP Fellowship, Ms. Dwijayati aims to learn how governments create supports and policies that empower citizens with disabilities through policymaking, programming, campaigns, and accommodations. She is interested in how public and private systems across government, universities, and private business collaborate to create smart and inclusive cities.

**Professional Interests**

Disability Rights and Accessibility, Accessible/Smart Cities, Public Private Partnerships

**Previous U.S. Experience**

None



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May 22, 2024 - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Contact [http://vhorvath@hawaii.edu](mailto:vhorvath@hawaii.edu) to attend in person at Pacific Disabilities - John A Burns School of Medicine - 651 Ilalo Street, Hon, HI
OR
Join by Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/93607732972?pwd=NGtGQTIXM3Q2eFVxRXZSNnJsUFIldz09>

Meeting ID: 936 0773 2972
Passcode: 075024

WE NEED YOUR HELP

**There is still time for you to contact our Hawaii Congress
Representatives: Ed Case and Jill Tokuda**

REAUTHORIZE AND FULLY FUND THE TBI ACT



IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE TBI ACT

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) administers the TBI Act funding. It is used for the TBI State Partnership Grant Program, which helps states increase access to services and supports for individuals with TBI throughout their lifespan. It is also used for the Protection and Advocacy (P&A) TBI Grant Program, which helps states provide advocacy services for people with brain injury. Currently 31 states receive TBI State grants, and they are severely underfunded, as are all the P&A grants.

BIAA urges Congress to:

- Expand the eligibility criteria for programs to include hypoxic and other acquired brain injuries;
- Ease the state match requirement from 50% to 25%;
- Allow P&A access into VA facilities and federal prisons;
- Require the Health and Human Services Secretary to examine the evidence base of brain injury as a chronic condition.
- Increase funding for the TBI Act to \$25 million, and appropriate
 - \$19 million to the State Grant Program so all states can participate (an increase of \$11 million), and
 - \$6 million to the P&A Grant Program (an increase of \$3.5 million).

FULLY FUND THE CDC TBI PROGRAM

The TBI Act authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to collect data and conduct public education and research. The TBI Program Reauthorization Act of 2018 further authorized the establishment of a National Concussion Surveillance System; a pilot indicated much higher levels of brain injury than have been reported from other large, national datasets. Their work needs to be fully funded to truly grasp the scope of the issue and continue its vitally important work in this area.

BIAA urges Congress to reauthorize \$11.75 million in CDC TBI Programs funding, and appropriate:

- \$6.72 million for the TBI program within the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), and
- \$5 million for the National Concussion Surveillance System.



BRAIN INJURY IS A CHRONIC CONDITION

Every year, at least 2.8 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury. While most of them fall into the "mild" category, they can cause temporary and permanent neurological impairment. There are more than 5 million people living with a permanent brain injury-related disability – one in 60 Americans.

Brain injury is viewed by healthcare systems and the public as a one-time event, rather than the beginning of what can be persistent medical, physical cognitive and behavioral effects. The idea that brain injury can permanently change a person – their capabilities, their personality, their ability to work and socialize as they once did – is not something most people can understand.

Extensive research has demonstrated brain injury is not just an acute injury, but a chronic condition that affects far more than the brain; it may cause associated conditions that can increase health care costs and complicate recovery. The chronic, long-term effects of brain injury are wide-ranging, and can include fatigue, sensitivity to noise and light, memory loss, mobility issues, chronic migraines, trouble with focus and executive functioning, depression, and anxiety.

Having brain injury recognized as a chronic condition would mean more services and supports across the lifespan; it would open new avenues to treatment and research; and it would go a long way toward educating the public and correcting misconceptions about a condition that impacts millions of Americans.

Sign up for BIAA's free e-newsletter, Policy Corner!
www.biausa.org/get-involved

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**SEND YOUR LETTER, TELEPHONE, OR EMAIL OUR HAWAII
CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO REAUTHORIZE AND FULLY
FUND THE TBI ACT**



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Washington, DC
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<https://case.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/>

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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 Lualaba 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

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 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 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

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 (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. 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

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 Webexlink.

<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>

Sources for the above are from: Neurotrauma Newsletter, Pacific Disabilities Center, John A Burns School of Medicine; and Brain Injury Association of America

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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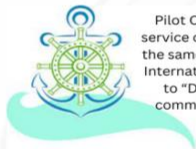


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