



BRAIN INJURY FLORIDA

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FACT SHEET

An estimated **899,924 Floridians are living with the effects of some kind of acquired brain injury acquired after birth.** This estimate includes:

Traumatic brain injury – injury to the brain that occurred a result of an external force such as a fall, automobile accident, gunshot wound, concussion or a jolt to the head.

Non-traumatic brain injury - injury to the brain that occurred as a result of something inside the body such as an aneurysm rupture, stroke, heart attack, carbon monoxide poisoning, electrocution, infection, tumor, or anoxia from unintentional opioid overdose.



Living with an acquired brain injury is a significant problem that affects many more people than commonly thought. Without proper screening, diagnosis and access to neuro-rehabilitation supports/services, many of the 899,924 Floridians may experience significant consequences, such as dropping out of school, failing at work and/or in relationships, becoming victims or perpetrators of domestic violence, developing addiction to drugs and/or alcohol, or finding themselves homeless, psychiatrically hospitalized, or involved in the criminal justice system.

Brain Injury Florida (BIF) is a new advocacy/service organization operating statewide in Florida that represents and serves the 899,924 Floridians living with both traumatic and non-traumatic brain injuries. Formed by a group of interested Floridians, **BIF** is a non-profit organization incorporated with the Florida Department of State.

BIF's purpose is to improve the quality of life for Florida residents who have sustained a traumatic or non-traumatic brain injury by promoting effective awareness, education, outreach, treatment, prevention, and advocacy.

For more information, or to get involved with **BIF**, please contact the founding officers of the **BIF** Board of Directors:

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