



# Nebraska Brain Injury Support Groups

Support groups are a helpful connection to resources for people living after any kind of brain injury. The groups are facilitated by volunteers. Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska promotes and supports the efforts of the groups. Please contact the Support Group Facilitator to get the dates, times and location for the meeting you wish to attend.

Group Name	Contact Information
<b>National Virtual Support Group (via Zoom)</b>	
<i>Drunk &amp; Distracted Driving Survivor Virtual Support Group</i>	Janice Podzimek, Certified Brain Injury Specialist and Wendy Hoffman, Resource Facilitation Manager. For more information: 888-500-9165   Info@biaaz.org Register to Attend
<b>Statewide Virtual Support Groups (via Zoom)</b>	
Three different support groups held monthly: • <b>Group 1</b> - Open to All Participants • <b>Group 2</b> - Individuals with Brain Injuries Only • <b>Group 3</b> - Brain Injury Caregivers/Family Members	<b>Penny Costello</b> 402-432-0605 • penny.costello@gmail.com  <b>To Join a Group and Receive the Meeting Link:</b> Fill out the Google Form at <a href="http://bit.ly/virtualbiane">bit.ly/virtualbiane</a>
<i>Incarcerated Populations</i> (open to individuals in the Corrections system, and family members)	<b>Shir Smith</b> 402-683-0754 • shir@biane.org  <b>MenDi McCuiston</b> 402-683-0712 • mendi@biane.org
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<i>Alliance Area Support Group</i>	<b>Patrick Duldulao</b> 308-761-3372 • fduldulao@bbgh.org  <b>TaLisa Brown</b> 308-761-3372 • tbrown@bbgh.org
<b>Columbus</b>	
<i>Columbus Area Support Group</i>	<b>Phone:</b> 402-562-3333 <b>Joe Madden</b> • jpmadden@columbushosp.org <b>Kara Seier</b> • kjseier@columbushosp.org <b>Jessica Hayes</b> • jahayes@columbushosp.org
<b>Council Bluffs</b>	
<i>Council Bluffs Area Support Group</i>	<b>Ruth Hamlin</b> 402-650-7132 • martinwoodinternational@gmail.com
<b>Grand Island</b>	
<i>Grand Island Area Support Group</i>	<b>Jennifer Niedfelt</b> 308-398-5896 • jennifer.niedfelt@commonspirit.org
<b>Hebron</b>	
<i>South Central Nebraska Brain Injury Support Group</i>	<b>Rose Clauson</b> tbisouthcentralnebraska@outlook.com

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<i>Stroke Support and Wellness Group</i>	<b>CHI Health / Kearney Physical Therapy</b> 308-865-7189 • 308-865-7183 shelly.jorges@commonspirt.org
<b>Lincoln</b>	
<i>Bright Ideas Support Group</i>	<b>Karen Hux, PhD</b> 402-573-3700 • karen.hux@qliomaha.com <b>Gina Simanek, MA, LMHP</b> 402-683-0715 • gina@biane.org
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<i>Post-COVID Education &amp; Support Group</i>	<b>Jade Bertsch</b> 402-413-3881 • jbertsch@madonna.org <b>Mary Reece</b> • mreece@madonna.org
<b>Norfolk</b>	
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<i>North Platte Area Support Group</i>	<b>Judy Nichelson</b> 308-532-7451 • jn69101@gmail.com
<b>Omaha</b>	
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<b>Scottsbluff</b>	
<i>Scottsbluff Area Support Group</i>	<b>Martha Douglas</b> 308-641-6826 • mddouglas@spectrum.net