

Creating a better future for all Nebraskans through brain injury prevention, education, advocacy, and support.

A Special Announcement from BIA-NE



Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska to Join Brain Injury Association of America

Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska (BIA-NE) is excited to announce its upcoming transition to the **Brain Injury Association of Nebraska** in 2025, following the recent decision by the **United States Brain Injury Alliance (USBIA)** to dissolve. The USBIA Board of Trustees voted unanimously on September 10, 2024, to initiate the dissolution, giving state-level affiliates the option to join BIAA. BIA-NE Board of Directors approved the move to join BIAA by board vote on September 20, 2024.

BIA-NE will continue to deliver statewide brain injury prevention, education, advocacy and support for those impacted by brain injury while benefiting from BIAA's expanded resources, advocacy efforts, and nationwide support. This transition enables BIA-NE to further its commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals living with brain injuries in Nebraska.

More information will be shared in the coming months as the transition progresses.

[Learn about Brain Injury Association of America](#)



Forever Shaken 2024

"Forever Shaken" is a compelling 30-minute documentary by Brandon and Tiffany Verzal of V2Content, parents of a child who survived Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome).

The film shares the stories of four children, including the Verzals' daughter, who now live with the effects of abusive head trauma. Featuring insights from national child abuse experts, "Forever Shaken" highlights the impact of such trauma and offers key prevention strategies.

If you've previously watched "Forever Shaken", watch this newly updated version with updates about all four children and their families.

Presented by BIA-NE, the documentary was made possible through funding from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals, and Children's Nebraska.

[Watch Now](#)

How'd we do?

Share your experience

Tell BIA-NE About Your Experience

We want to hear from you! If you've worked with a member of the BIA-NE team and want to tell us (and others!) about how we did, we invite you to share your experience!

[Provide Feedback Now](#)

Please also consider [leaving us a Google review](#) so more Nebraskans in need of brain injury support can find us online!



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Save the Date: 2025 Nebraska Brain Injury Conference

The 2025 Nebraska Brain Injury Conference will be March 13th and 14th, 2025 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Convention Center! More information will be available soon!



New Online Brain Injury Screening Tool

BIA-NE is pleased to share a new tool available to you: the Online Brain Injury Screening and Support System (OBISSS).

The OBISSS is an online screening system to determine lifetime exposure to brain injury and to identify associated challenges that may be present for youth and adults. This system utilizes the validated and reliable Ohio State University TBI-Identification Method (OSU TBI-ID).

OBISSS is self-administered and appropriate for ages 10 and up. With the link provided below, any individual can complete the OBISSS screen on their own, or with help. OBISSS collects additional demographic information from each individual, and the individual will be prompted to complete the Symptoms Questionnaire for Brain Injury (SQBI).

Tip sheets are delivered, responding to identified challenges, to the individual and a copy can be sent to case managers or providers. OBISSS will provide customized referral information and where to access

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[More About OBISSS & Login Information](#)

Other News

National Brain Injury Network Survey

University of Washington invites you to participate in a brief 5-10 minute [survey](#) to help improve access to essential brain injury resources and research. Whether you have personally experienced a brain injury, are a care partner, or work with individuals affected by brain injury, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

This survey is part of a University of Washington project (PI: Megan Moore, PhD, MSW; Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Engagement Award #32363). The project aims to develop the National Brain Injury Network—a network connected by a website offering resources, research, and a platform for connection among those with lived experience, care partners, and healthcare providers. Please click [here](#) for more information about this project.

Your feedback will play a crucial role in shaping the site to ensure it meets the needs and priorities of the brain injury community. Participation is voluntary and anonymous.

Questions? Please contact the Brain Injury Network core team at ette@uw.edu.

[Complete the Survey Now](#)



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Annual Report

Collaborating for Growth

2023 BIA-NE Annual Report Available

The 2023 Annual Report for BIA-NE is now available on our website. You can see it, and past reports, by clicking the link below.

[Read the 2023 Annual Report](#)

Journeys of Hope

Laelynn Beats the Odds

Read the inspiring story of 10-year-old Laelynn Schlichtman, whose life was forever changed by a tragic accident last August.



Read more about Laelynn and her family, from Davenport, NE, on the blog this month.



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