

ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK NEWS

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Survivors and Family Members

Building Lives of Meaning, Joy and Value

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Greetings!

Thank you to Pat Strenk, Anna Marie Childress, Madelaine Sayko, John Dively, Steph Knarr and many others for input and help with our Peer to Peer Training manual. We hope individuals, families, and support groups will enjoy using it.

Keep Dan Rohrback in your prayers—so far in the hospital for one month.

Save the date—November 7 MossRehab brain injury conference for families and survivors in Philadelphia.

For those too far from support groups, we have monthly toll-free TeleSupport meetings—see events below.

Thanks to the donors and volunteers who make our mission possible!

Barb Dively

MULTIPLE NEWSLETTERS AT YOUR HOUSE? LET US KNOW IF YOU ONLY NEED ONE !

ABIN-PA EVENTS

Sun. Sep. 13 2-4pm Board Mtg. & TC
Mon. Sep. 14 7:30pm Public Affairs TC
Mon. Sep. 28 7:30pm TeleSupport TC
Tue. Sep. 29 1-3pm Newsletter Mailing

Call (215) 699-2139 for information.
InfoT means an Information Table
TC means a Teleconference:
1-877-783-2009, PassCode 720986

BUILDING A NEW LIFE AFTER BRAIN INJURY: Peer to Peer Training

Print this Manual from our website for individual, family & group discussion.
Read-aloud easy-to-use format.
No special background needed.
Very positive response by pilot group.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT GROUP USE, PLEASE CALL OR REGISTER FOR A TOLL-FREE QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
10am Wed Sept 30
7:30pm Mon Oct 5
1:00pm Tues Oct 6
REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Lansdale Area Location

BUILDING A NEW LIFE AFTER BRAIN INJURY: PEER TO PEER TRAINING
3 Thursdays—6-7:30PM
9/17, 10/1 & 10/15
Call or email to register.

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ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY NETWORK OF PA RECEIVES 2009 INGLIS AWARD FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE

The Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc., received a 2009 Inglis Award for Continuing Excellence in June. The Inglis Foundation awards program honors non-profit organizations in the Philadelphia region that enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities and by doing so support the Inglis mission.

The Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania – one of four organizations to receive a 2009 Inglis Award for Continuing Excellence – is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for people with acquired brain injury and their families.

The award winning programs were honored on June 25, 2009, at a ceremony at Inglis House, Philadelphia, PA. Laura Schwanger, Chairman of the Awards Review Committee, commented, “The Awards were created so programs like Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania – with a real vision for improving the lives of people with physical disabilities – can expand their efforts.”

About Inglis Foundation

Inglis Foundation works with people with physical disabilities to create and provide practical solutions so they may live their life to the fullest. All of Inglis' services and programs are designed to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence and mobility. For more information, visit the organization's website: www.inglis.org.

NOTE: ABIN-PA participants at the award ceremony:

- Kimberly Byrd—ABIN-PA Representative to PA SILC HCBS and PA FITF
- Barry Childress—Board Member, then Treasurer, now Vice President
- Barbara Dively—Board Member, President and Executive Director
- John Dively—Webmaster, Administrative Assistant
- Maureen Neve—Volunteer—Speaker and Police Training Workgroup
- Peggy O'Neill—Board Member and current Treasurer
- Dan Rohrback—County Education Director for Philadelphia, OLTL CLAC
- Steven Rooney—Aide to Dan Rohrback
- Madelaine Sayko—Volunteer—Speaker and Manuals Workgroup
- Pat Strenk—Board Member, County Education Coordinator for Montgomery

Helen Love Recommends ABIN-PA Donations Thru eScrip

Do you use a credit card? Part of your payment can go to ABIN-PA at no cost to you! Learn about eScrip at www.escrip.com. First, set up your account with a username and password. Arrange to support Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA - ID # **500019013**. List your credit cards and you are all set. For more information, go to "frequently asked questions" or click the link for assistance and a representative will help you by voice or email.

2009 DONORS

The Borgia's Family, James A. Burke, Dorothy Curtis, LaVerne Devenny, Julie Flockerzi, John & Carol Frock, Robin Gane, Angelle Guyette, Daniel R. Markley, Marlene Nathans, Susan Pyda, Sandra J. Rogers, Lynette Savoy, Gary Shepherd, Ellen Solt, Mary Stoner, Mary Webb, Mike & Denise Westerfer, Marcia Williams, Kathy Wong, Carol Zapiec.

MONTHLY DONORS

John & Barb Dively, Robert Drucker, Kay & Gordon Rowe

IN HONOR OF

Zachary Fuller—*From* Debbie Baublitz
Jeannette Kline—*For Being an Inspiration to So Many—From* Joyce Schlag
Wesley Rhine—*From* Donald C. Rhine

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The spirit for a greater life that Marjorie F. Hervey left us with in her Passing during Brain Injury Awareness Month—*From* Beth Anne Hervey
Bruce J. Rogers—*From* Sandra J. Rogers
Yolanda Marie Valdes Torres—*From* Drs. Karen & Fred Clark, John & Barb Dively, Deborah Fishman, Katherine Hochner, Mapes Stores Offices & Warehouse, Mary Patricia Ruppert, Carol Silverman

ORGANIZATIONS

Acadia, Main Line Rehabilitation, Progressive Health of PA, Inc.

AWARDS

Inglis Foundation Award for Continuing Excellence

GOODS & SERVICES

The Laura Lee Hervey Fund—Pewter Brain Pins
Pat Strenk—Children's Materials
Sarah F. Wimberly—Graphic Design for Annual Report

LITERATURE PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION

Anonymous, Susan Carty, Ed Crinnion, Beth Anne Hervey, Disability Rights Network, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, MossRehab at Elkins Park.

RESOURCES

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| Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA 1-800-516-8052 | Disability Rights Network 1-800-692-7443 |
| BIAPA Brain Injury Resource Line 1-866-635-7097 | Pennsylvania Health Law Project 1-800-274-3258 |
| DOH Help Line & Head Injury Program 1-866-412-4755 | Waiver Help Line (CommCare, etc.) 1-800-757-5042 |

**COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICES
(Search on PA County Assistance Offices)**

Call your county office or apply online through COMPASS for “cash assistance, Food Stamps, help with child care, health care coverage, home heating assistance (LIHEAP), school meals, SelectPlan for Women and long-term living services.” (** = many offices)

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| ADAMS—1-800-638-6816 | LACKAWANNA—1-877-431-1887 |
| ALLEGHENY—412-565-2146** | LANCASTER—717-299-7411 |
| ARMSTRONG—1-800-424-5235 | LAWRENCE—1-800-847-4522 |
| BEAVER—1-800-653-3129 | LEBANON—1-800-229-3926 |
| BEDFORD—1-800-542-8584 | LEHIGH—610-821-6509 |
| BERKS—610-736-4211 | LUZERNE—570-826-2100** |
| BLAIR—1-866-812-3341 | LYCOMING—1-877-867-4014 |
| BRADFORD—1-800-542-3938 | MCKEAN—1-800-822-1108 |
| BUCKS—1-800-362-1291 | MERCER—1-800-747-8405 |
| BUTLER—1-866-256-0093 | MIFFLIN—1-800-382-5253 |
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| CAMERON—814-486-3757 | MONTGOMERY—1-877-398-5571** |
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| CENTRE—1-800-355-6024 | NORTHAMPTON—610-250-1700 |
| CHESTER—1-888-814-4698 | NORTHUMBERLAND—1-800-368-8390 |
| CLARION—1-800-253-3488 | PERRY—1-800-991-1929 |
| CLEARFIELD—1-800-521-9218 | PHILADELPHIA—215-560-7226** |
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| CUMBERLAND—1-800-269-0173 | SNYDER—1-866-713-8584 |
| DAUPHIN—1-800-788-5616 | SOMERSET—1-800-248-1607 |
| DELAWARE—610-447-5500** | SULLIVAN—1-877-265-1681 |
| ELK—1-800-847-0257 | SUSQUEHANNA—1888-753-6328 |
| ERIE—1-800-635-1014 | TIOGA—1-800-525-6842 |
| FAYETTE—1-877-832-7545 | UNION—570-524-2201 |
| FOREST—1-800-876-0645 | VENANGO—1-877-409-2421 |
| FRANKLIN—1-800-921-8839 | WARREN—1-800-403-4043 |
| FULTON—1-800-222-8563 | WASHINGTON—1-800-835-9720** |
| GREENE—1-888-410-5658 | WAYNE—1-877-879-5267 |
| HUNTINGDON—1-800-237-7674 | WESTMORELAND—1-800-905-5413** |
| INDIANA—1-800-742-0679 | WYOMING—1-877-699-3312 |
| JEFFERSON—1-800-242-8214 | YORK—717-771-1100 |
| JUNIATA—1-800-586-4282 | |

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PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED.

**Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES (VRS)
(From the OVR Website—Search on PA DLI OVR Services)**

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, provides individualized vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment. The OVR counselor helps customers select vocational goals, services and service providers. An Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) is developed. Certain services are subject to a Financial Needs Test (FNT) that may result in a charge to the customer. Counseling, guidance, diagnostic services, assessments, information and referral, job development, placement, and readers or sign language interpreters are provided at no cost to the individual. OVR customers receiving Social Security benefits for their disability (SSI, SSDI) are exempt from OVR's Financial Needs Test.

Statewide there are 21 District Offices with Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors serving all 67 counties. The Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown provides vocational training and comprehensive rehabilitation. The Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services provides services to increase independence and employability. OVR's central offices in Harrisburg provide technical assistance to enhance services in local district offices.

COUNTY VRS (OVR) OFFICES

Allentown—Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton— 800-922-9536—TTY - 888-377-9207
Altoona—Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton, Huntingdon—800-442-6343—TTY 866-320-7955
DuBois—Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean— 800-922-4017—TTY 800-922-4017
Erie—Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren
—800-541-0721, TTY 888-217-1710
Harrisburg—Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry
—800-442-6352, TTY 877-497-6545
Johnstown—Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, Westmoreland
—800-762-4223, TTY 866-862-6891
Norristown—Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery—800-221-1042—TTY - 888-616-0470
Philadelphia—Philadelphia—800-442-6381, TTY - 800-772-9031
Reading—Berks, Schuylkill—800-442-0949, TTY 877-475-7326
New Castle—Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence—800-442-6379—TTY 888-870-4476
Pittsburgh—Allegheny—800-442-6371, TTY 888-870-4474
Washington—Fayette, Greene, Washington, Voice/TTY 800-442-6367
Wilkes-Barre—Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna,
Wayne, Wyoming—800-634-2060, TTY 888-651-6117
Williamsport—Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union
—800-442-6359, TTY 800-706-0884
York—Adams, Lancaster, York—800-762-6306, TTY 866-466-1404

Awareness + Attention + Accountability = SUCCESS

Newsletter Sign-Up, Donations & Tributes

ABIN-PA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about acquired brain injury and to providing support, education, information, advocacy and other services for individuals with acquired brain injury and their families.

DATE: _____ NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____ SURVIVOR: _____ FAMILY: _____ OTHER: _____

EMAIL: _____

DONATION: Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Monthly: _____ United Way: # 45813

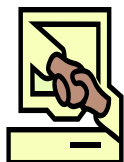
IN HONOR OF (Name): _____ (Reason): _____

(Address): _____

IN MEMORY OF Name): _____ (Family contact): _____

(Family address): _____

The official registration and financial information of the Acquired Brain Injury Network of Pennsylvania, Inc., may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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