



**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Family and Survivor Support Groups**

**Please call** the individual support group leaders before attending for the first time. The dates, times and locations of support groups are subject to change.

**S.E./Cape Region and Western Region** support groups are listed separately.

**Berlin - Family & Survivor - (TBI HIP)- "Truly Brilliant Individuals Head Information Projects"**

Contact: Crystal Ahlin, Sheila Howard 978-838-9407  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Grace Baptist Church, Room 111  
353 River Rd.  
Hudson, MA 01749

**Boston - Stroke Club - Open to community - All ages**

Contact: Karen Halfon 617-573-7143  
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Spaulding Rehab Hospital  
125 Nashua St., Room 8A, Boston, MA 02114

**Boston - "BABIS" - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Sally Johnson 617- 573-2539  
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
Place: Spaulding Rehab Hospital  
125 Nashua St., Room 8A, Boston, MA 02114  
Website: <http://www.babis.info/>

**Braintree - Brain Injury/Stroke Support Group**

Contacts: Patricia Kaufman-Vaughan 781-585-5434  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Date: Last Thursday of the month  
Place: Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C  
250 Pond St, Braintree, MA 02184

### **Braintree - Children (ages 10-14) of Parents with B.I.**

Contacts: April Sheridan 617-847-4987  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Place: Conference Room A  
Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital  
250 Pond St, Braintree, MA 02184

### **Fitchburg - Stroke Support Group for Survivors, Family Members, Friends & Caregivers**

Contact: Health Alliance Hospital, Burbank Campus  
Speech Dept. 978-343-5005  
Time: 6:00-7:30pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from March-December  
Place: Burbank Rehabilitation Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
275 Nicols Rd, Fitchburg, MA 01420

### **Framingham - Mild Brain Injury Survivors**

Contact: Barbara Webster 508-478-7539  
Time: 11:30 - 1:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month  
Place: Please call for more info.

All Correspondence To: Barbara Webster, BIA-MA, 30 Lyman St, Suite #10,  
Westborough, MA 01581

### **Gardner - Family and Survivors**

Contact: Pat Read 978-660-5187  
Please call for more info.

### **NEW! Haverhill - Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Laurie LeBlanc  
Time: 6:30-7:30  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month  
Place: Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital  
145 Ward Hill Ave. (Main Entrance)  
Haverhill, MA 01835

### **Milford - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Denise Simoneau 508-422-2559  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Place: Milford Hospital  
Hill Building - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
14 Prospect St, Milford, MA 01757

### **Norfolk - Parents & Caregivers of Children with a Brain Injury**

Contact: Gayle Fedele 617-365-3980  
Please call for more info.

**North Shore - Caregiver Support (PHONE SUPPORT)**

Contact: Helen Whelan 781-233-8734  
(evenings & weekends)

**Southbridge - "Victory" Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Dan or Linda Pellegrini 617-592-5081  
Please call for more information

**Westborough - Stroke Support Group**

Contact: Deb Lebeaux 508-870-2222 x2165  
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Whittier Rehab. Center  
150 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581

**Woburn/Advocates - Family Support & Education \* NOT FOR SURVIVORS\***

Contacts: Yvonne Tylinski 508-380-0987  
Janet Lingerman 781-862-0070 x 301  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Date: (usually) 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Place: Warren House, 17 Warren Ave, Woburn, MA 01801

**Woburn/NERH - Survivor Support Group**

Contact: Mary Fiorentino 781-994-3456 x1458  
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (except Jan. & July)  
Place: New England Rehab Hospital  
2 Rehabilitation Way, Woburn, MA 01801

**Worcester - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Lisa A. Olinger 508-475-0032 x 19  
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Place: First Baptist Church  
111 Park Ave, Worcester, MA 01609  
(corner of Park St. & Salisbury St.)

**Worcester - Family, Friends, and Caregivers \* NOT FOR SURVIVORS\***

Contact: Jacalyn Mulligan 508-791-3147 x103  
Time: 2:00pm  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
Place: Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Worcester  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
59 Acton St, Worcester, MA 01604

## **SOUTHEAST REGION**

### **Cape Cod, Bourne - "Brilliant Buzzards", Caregiver and Survivor Support Group**

**Contacts:** Vicki and Nathan Carr 508-759-2049  
**Time & Date:** Call for more information.  
**Place:** Buzzards Bay Community Center  
239 Main St, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

### **Cape Cod, Falmouth - Stroke Support Group, Family & Survivors**

**Contact:** Mildred Lisk 508-540-7641  
**Time:** 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
**Date:** 2nd Tuesday of the month, Sept. - May  
**Place:** Falmouth Hospital  
Maternity Conference Room C, Main Floor  
Ter Heun Drive, Falmouth, MA 02540

### **Cape Cod, E. Sandwich - Brain Aneurysm/Mild Brain Injury Support Group**

**Contact:** Jenny Stickney-Quigley 508-833-4241  
**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00  
**Date:** 3rd Saturday of the month  
**Place:** Rehab. Hospital of the Cape and Islands  
311 Service Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537

### **Cape Cod, E. Sandwich - Stroke Support Group & Peer Visitation Program**

**Contact:** Jim Graham 508-833-4043  
**Time:** 1:30-3:30  
**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
**Place:** Rehab. Hospital of the Cape & Islands  
311 Service, Rd, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

### **Fall River - B.R.A.I.N. - Family and Survivors**

**Contact:** Henry Oliveira 401-297-1221  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
**Place:** Fall River Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Cafeteria, Fall River, MA 02720

### **Middleborough - Family and Caregiver Support Group \* NOT FOR SURVIVORS\***

**Contact:** Tom Hall 508-947-9295  
**Time:** Tuesday 6:15-7:30  
**Date:** First Tuesday of the month  
**Place:** The Neuro-Rehabilitation Center at Middleboro  
23 Isaac Street, Middleboro, MA 02346

### **New Bedford/Dartmouth - "Wishful Thinking Whalers",**

#### **Support/Recreation Group, Family & Survivors**

**Contact:** Tracy Tarvers 774-328-8322  
Call for more info.

### **Plymouth - Family & Survivors Support Group**

Contact: Liz Lauzon 508-747-4720 x 118  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
Place: Braintree Rehab Clinic  
65 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360

### **Wareham, East - Caregiver Support Group**

Contact: Donna Bonia 508-946-1115  
Day & Time: Call for more info.  
Place: BIA-MA Southeastern Regional Office  
3119 Cranberry Highway, Suite 5F, E. Wareham, MA 02538

## **WESTERN REGION**

### **Northampton - Survivors & Family Members**

Contact: Peggy Besht RN, BSN - 413-584-6797  
Time: 4:30- 6:00  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month  
Place: Forbes Library - Community Room  
20 West St, Northampton, MA 01060

### **Pittsfield - Berkshire Brain Injury Support Group (BBSIG)**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Place: Center for Rehabilitation, Berkshire Medical Center  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Medical Arts Building  
777 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201

All Correspondence To: Suzanne Doswell, BIA-MA Western Region Office,  
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

### **Pittsfield - "Sit, Knit & Stitch" - Knitting & Crocheting Group**

Contact: Sonali Durden 413-443-0200 - CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING  
Time: Evenings  
Date: Tue, Fri, Sat. each week  
Place: Providence Court, Dining Room  
379 East St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

### **NEW! Pittsfield - "Tea and Talk" - Adult women with brain injury**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200 - CALL BEFORE FIRST MEETING  
Time: 2:30-4:00  
Date: First Thursday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA West Office  
180 Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**NEW! Pittsfield - "Meeting of the Minds" - Youth ages 15-23 with brain injury**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200  
Time: 4:00 - 5:00  
Date: Fourth Thursday of the month  
Place: BIA-MA West Office  
180-C Elm St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Pittsfield - Meetings for Spouses, Parents & Children of Parents with Brain Injury**

Contact: Suzanne Doswell 413-443-0200  
Time & Date: Call for more information  
Place: BIA-MA Western Region Office  
180 Elm St, Suite C, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Springfield - Family & Young Adult (17+) Survivors Support Group**

Contact: Sharon Abdala 413-748-6892  
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Place: Mercy Hospital  
Deliso Conference Center, Lower Level  
299 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104

**OTHER GROUPS AVAILBLE**

(Not Sponsored by BIA-MA)

**Boston - Information Groups for Survivors and Family Members**

**Also groups for Veterans with TBI**

For more information or to enroll in these programs:

Contact: Dr. Therese O'Neil Pirozzi, ScD, CCC-SLP  
Phone: 617-373-5750  
Email: [t.oneil-pirozzi@neu.edu](mailto:t.oneil-pirozzi@neu.edu)  
Place: Northeastern University TBI Resource Center

**Cape Cod, Dennis - Stroke Support Group**

Contact: Kathy Hallman, VNA Assoc. 508-957-7400 x3918  
Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month (except July & August)  
Time: 1:00  
Dennis Senior Center  
#1045 Rt.134 (Setuck Rd. & Rt. 134), Dennis, MA 02638

**Greenfield - Head Injury Support Group for Survivors and Family Members**

Contact: David Landry 413-773-2227 Please call before attending.  
Date: Last Wednesday each month  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30  
Place: Baystate Franklin Medical Center  
164 High St, Conference Room A, Greenfield, MA 01301

### **North Adams - Alzheimer's Information and Support Group**

Contact: Beth Hinkley 413-664-4536  
Date: Second Tuesday of the month  
Time: 7:00-9:00pm  
Place: Northern Berkshire VNA & Hospice Building  
535 Curran Highway, North Adams, MA 01247

### **Norwell - Brain Aneurysm Support Group**

Contact: Laurie Galvin 781-659-2342  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Time: 7:00 - 8:30  
Place: Norwell VNA and Hospice  
91 Longwater Cir, Norwell, MA 02061

### **Pittsfield - Stroke Support Group**

Contact: Irene Walcott 413-447-2230  
Date: First Tuesday of each month  
Time: 3:00-4:00pm  
Place: MBC Medical Arts Complex  
777 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Center for Rehabilitation Outpatient Gym  
(5<sup>th</sup> floor Medical Arts Building)

### **Pittsfield - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**

Contact: Brenda Brown 413-442-7047, ext. 16  
Date& Time: Call for more info.  
Place: AdLib Center for Independent Living  
215 North St, Pittsfield, MA 01201

### **Williamstown - Dementia Support and Education**

Contact: Mark Massaconi 413-458-8127x109  
Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month  
Time: 3:30-4:30  
Place: Sweet Brook Transitional Care and Living Center  
1561 Cold Spring Rd, Williamstown, MA 01267

### **Worcester - UMASS Memorial Medical Ctr. - Brain Tumor Support Group**

Contact: Dr. Ellen Sharenow 774-443-7595  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of the month  
Time: 6:00-7:30  
Place: Lazare Bld., Room 303  
55 Lake Ave, N. Worcester, MA 01655

## OUT OF STATE BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUPS

(Not sponsored by BIA-MA)

### Connecticut - Family & Survivors

Contact: Tom Currier 860-928-9844  
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Date: Last Tuesday of each month  
Place: Day Kimball Hospital  
Conference Room #1  
320 Pomfret Street (Route 44), Putnam, CT 06260

### New Hampshire - Family & Survivors

Contact: Patty Motyka 603-822-3000 x 6750  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: St. Joseph's Hospital, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
172 Kinsley Street, Nashua, NH 03060

### New Hampshire - Family & Survivors

Contact: John Richards 603-547-3311x1418  
Tom Badgley 603-547-8891  
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm  
Date: First Tuesday of the month  
Place: Unitarian Church  
25 Main St, Peterborough, N.H. 03458-2447

### New Hampshire - Brain Injury Survivor Support Group

No meetings July, Aug. or Dec.  
Contact: Tina Paquin 603-225-8400 x 341 or 603-225-8400  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Date: Last Monday of the month  
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Conference Room  
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

### New Hampshire - Stroke Survivor Support Group

Contact: Jessica Anderson 603-890-3218  
Time: 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, Inservice Room  
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

**New Hampshire - Stroke Education for Survivors and Family -  
Rehabilitation professional with Q & A stations**

Contact: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital 603-893-2900 x 3162 or 3160  
Time: 2:00 - 3:00  
Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Place: Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital, NRH Wing 200  
70 Butler St, Salem, NH 03079

**Rhode Island - Family & Survivors**

Contact: Linda Silva, Jane Soucy 401-766-0800 x 5311  
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Place: Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island  
Pulmonary Rehab Room  
116 Eddie Dowling Highway, North Smithfield, RI 02896

**For more information regarding brain injury support groups in neighboring states,  
Please contact them directly:**

Connecticut	<a href="http://BIACT.ORG">BIACT.ORG</a>	860-721-8111
Maine	<a href="http://BIAME.ORG">BIAME.ORG</a>	800-275-1233
New Hampshire	<a href="http://BIANH.ORG">BIANH.ORG</a>	800-773-8400
New York	<a href="http://BIANYS.ORG">BIANYS.ORG</a>	800-228-8201
Rhode Island	<a href="http://BIAOFRI.ORG">BIAOFRI.ORG</a>	888-824-8911
Vermont	<a href="http://BIAVT.ORG">BIAVT.ORG</a>	877-856-1772