



As a parent of a child with a brain injury:

- *Have you ever felt overwhelmed with navigating resources?*
- *Have you ever needed specialized services for brain injury?*
- *Have you ever wondered what the differences are between an IEP and a 504 Plan?*
- *Have you ever wanted to talk to someone who understands brain injury?*
- *Have you ever wondered what services are covered by Medicaid?*
- *Have you ever needed support in completing applications for benefits?*

YOUTH BRAIN INJURY CONNECTIONS (YBIC)

Mission -

Colorado Youth Brain Injury Connections works to provide coordinated care across community, health, and educational settings to meet the individual needs of children and youth (0-21 years old) with a brain injury. This includes coordinating educational opportunities to parties seeking further information on brain injury.

This program is supported by the Colorado Brain Injury Program with funding through the Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund and is a partnership between the Colorado Department of Education, Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado and the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP). ***Please note this is not a crisis care program.***

(see reverse side for more information)

YBIC Offers Care Coordination and Education Consultation -

Care Coordination

Once referred to the program, each child/family will work with a care coordinator from the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP). HCP Care Coordinators are public health professionals located across the state of Colorado.



Care coordinators will:

- Identify community and state services/resources
- Coordinate access to pediatric specialty care
- Navigate options to help pay for health care
- Help coordinate transition to adult health care
- Answer questions

Education Consultation

Once referred to the program, each child/family will be contacted by the Statewide Brain Injury Education Liaison at the Colorado Department of Education.



COLORADO DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Education Liaison will:

- Conduct a needs assessment of the child/family's educational needs
- Provide consultation and support to schools
- Follow up and monitor progress as needed
- Coordinate with HCP

Referral Process -



The Colorado Brain Injury Program partners with the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado to manage referrals to Youth Brain Injury Connections. To access services or support, please complete the referral form at: BIAColorado.org, go to the "Support" tab and click on "Youth Brain Injury Connections." You may also call 1-888-331-3311 for assistance completing the referral form. Hablamos español.

** Individuals who are no longer participating in school/education may be eligible for adult services through the Colorado Brain Injury Adult Services. If you are not sure which program to apply for, contact Max Winkler toll free at 1-888-331-3311 or via email at YBIC@biacolorado.org.*

For information about children/youth brain injury, supports and events please visit www.cokidswithbraininjury.com