

Needs Assessment Data Report – Phase 2¹

Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV)

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I. Background & Purpose

Making data accessible and useable is a primary goal of the federal REACT grant. In partnership with the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) as a subcontractor for the grant, the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) has been working to organize and scrutinize vast amounts of internal brain injury data. Understanding how BIAV's data is collected, shared, and reported on is vital to building strong, meaningful support networks for Virginians impacted by brain injury.

In May 2019, BIAV issued *Preliminary Needs Assessment Report – Phase 1*. This report provided baseline information on the unmet service needs of Virginians² who have experienced a brain injury and outlined next steps BIAV would take in FY20, namely to refine how unmet needs are defined and collected and to conduct integrated analyses of BIAV's quantitative and qualitative data.

In this Phase 2 report, BIAV:

- Builds on the baseline data provided in Phase 1.
- Describes how the integrated analysis was conducted, its results, and how it informed BIAV's new method of capturing qualitative data beginning FY21.
- Summarizes the top 3 needs and priorities of Virginia's brain injury community.³
- Outlines BIAV responses to current unmet needs and plans for anticipated needs.
- Lays out Phase 3 for FY21.

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² Who have contacted BIAV or have been contacted by BIAV.

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