

YEARS OF BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

1980S

- Incorporated in Delaware as the Virginia Head Injury Foundation and became a chartered member of the National Head Injury Foundation in 1983
- Conducted first statewide incidence and service needs survey and was the first affiliate to create a statewide directory of providers
- Began Camp Bruce McCoy
- Began outreach to newly injured Virginians through a contract with the Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Advocated for:
 - \$800,000 for Supportive Employment Services for Persons with Physical Disabilities, including brain injury
 - \$500,00 for DRS Long Term Rehabilitative Case Management and Head Injury Services Partnership in Fairfax



1990S

- **Officially became the Brain Injury Association of Virginia**
- Established toll-free helpline and began technical assistance to facilitate statewide chapters and support groups
- Advocated for the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund
- Created the first Support Group Resource Manual in the country and were awarded BIAA's Award of Excellence for Communication for this project



2000S

- BIAV's Educator's Guide awarded as Most Popular State Agency Grant Project
- Advocated for March to be permanently established as Brain Injury Awareness Month and the creation of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program
- Began the Making Headway Conference, Brain Injury Awareness Day at the General Assembly, and PSA campaigns on concussions
- Received BIAA's Award for Excellence for Advocacy
- Developed Policymaker and Educator Guides



2010S

- Advocated for almost \$2 million for community based brain injury services, Student Athlete Protection Act, and a "Return to Learn" protocol
- Awards:
 - BIAA's Award of Excellence for Communications for Concussion PSA Campaign
 - BIAA's Award of Excellence for Programs and Services
 - BIAA's State Association Leadership Award
 - BIAA's Award of Excellence for Management and Governance
 - BIAA's Award of Excellence for Advocacy
- Started our Consumer Advisory Board and Speakers Bureau
- Had our Inaugural Legacy Celebration and added online peer communities for members



2020S... SO FAR

- Advocated for legislation to require brain injury training for crisis intervention teams, expanded the Department of Education definition for special education classification, and secured the largest appropriation in state history for state funded brain injury programs
- Awarded a Screen & Intervene grant from the Virginia Department of Health to address the intersection of domestic violence and brain injury
- Created a Caregiver Support Group, housing toolkits for brain injury programs, online certificate programs, and a Homelessness and TBI outreach packet.

