



# Strengthen and Expand Services

## Critical Workforce Retention and Infrastructure Needs

### The Need to Deliver Essential Services An Attainable Goal With Your Help

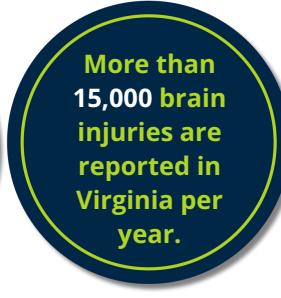
We recognize that our growth brings with it critical ongoing needs. For many, the first steps have been taken to bring cost-effective brain injury care to their communities. Each region in the state offers, at a minimum, case management for Virginians living with brain injury. This success is the result of 30+ years building out one of the state's most efficient care networks. **Yet, important growth, sustainability, and efforts are needed to bring this care to their doorsteps.**

We urge our legislators to continue investing in these essential services to meet the growing demand across Virginia and to ensure that those affected by brain injury receive the care they deserve. **During the 2025 session, the General Assembly approved 1.35 million dollars for brain injury services. This funding was vetoed, crippling workforce retention and preventing critical capacity expansion. The needs of the brain injury community and the service system that supports them continue to grow at a pace exceeding the current capacity of our system. Further delays will result in persons being denied prompt access to critical safety net services.**

### The Challenges Ahead Why Your Help is Needed

#### Accessibility

Although services are available in every region, many still live too far to make the trip.



### Tony and Lynn's Story Is a Reflection of Many Families' Experiences

Tony and Lynn's story is one shared by countless Virginia families. Married for 22 years, they were working toward a secure retirement when Tony was diagnosed with a meningioma in 2020. Overnight, their plans changed—Lynn became Tony's full-time caregiver while continuing to work full-time to build for their future.



Their experience highlights the reality for so many families affected by brain injury: balancing care, work, and financial survival with only one salary. Expanding funding for brain injury services means giving families like Tony and Lynn the resources and support they need.

### Successful Steps in the Right Direction 2025 Brain Injury Service Providers Teamwork

- ✓ 3,396 individuals with brain injury served within our state funded service system
- ✓ Over 400 more individuals served last year as the result of investments made in FY 24
- ✓ 1,539 individuals referred to our care system in FY 25
- ✓ 237 individuals trained on brain injury
- ✓ 66 individuals attended Camp Bruce McCoy

### Solutions to Meet Challenges Key Priorities for 2026 Funding



Additional case management



Additional community supports



Fulfill critical workforce needs



Expanded data capacity

# Serving the Commonwealth's Needs

While our services now extend across the commonwealth, our efforts are far from complete. The need for brain injury care remains extensive, and there is still much to be done to fully meet these demands. Often the waitlists for case management, clubhouse, and other resources are impacting recovery and care. Large territories and/or populations are greater than the resources.

## What Is a Brain Injury?

A brain injury is any injury to the brain that is acquired through traumatic or non-traumatic insults. Non-traumatic insults from conditions such as stroke and tumors include, but are not limited to, anoxia, hypoxia, aneurysm, toxic exposure, encephalopathy, and surgical interventions.

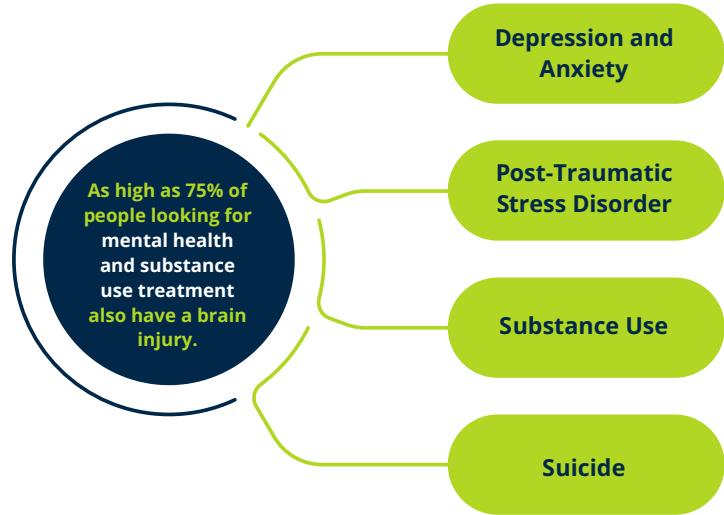
## Critical Work Remaining

### Your Help is Needed to Provide Care to All

Acquired brain injuries affect the lives of people of all ages. Anyone can experience a brain injury, but data indicates that some groups are at greater risk of dying from or experiencing long-term health problems after the injury.

## Groups More Likely to be Affected

- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Service members and veterans
- People who experience homelessness
- People who are in correctional and detention facilities
- Survivors of intimate partner violence
- People living in rural areas



## Complications from Brain Related Injury Serious and Often Ongoing

More than 340,000 Virginians are currently disabled from Traumatic Brain Injury or Stroke. This number does not reflect the vast number of Virginians experiencing other types of brain injury that significantly impact their daily lives. Often, these injuries have co-occurring issues later on. Our network of state-funded brain injury service providers are continuously there to meet the needs of this expanding service population.

## Virginia State Funded Brain Injury Organizations and Their Service Areas

- Brain Injury Services
- Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley
- The BridgeLine
- Community Brain Injury Services
- Brain Injury Solutions
- Eggleston
- No Limits Brain Injury Services

Virginia Supportworks Housing  
Serves Richmond

Brain Injury Association of Virginia  
Statewide, based in Richmond

