

NASHIA's March 2022 Brain Injury Awareness Month Campaign spotlight on Texas brain injury programs and their upcoming webinars and conference.



Working Together Promoting Awareness Month: *Spotlight on Texas*

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Dear NASHIA Member,

During March, the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) is featuring articles about individuals living with brain injury; State resources and services and initiatives promoting awareness and improving service delivery. This week, NASHIA features **Texas** brain injury programs and upcoming conference, which is taking place at the end of the month.

Have a story to share? Send to Susan Vaughn at publicpolicy@nashia.org. Meanwhile, you may access NASHIA's Awareness Campaign materials [here](#).



Texas HHS Brain Injury Resources and Services

Texans with brain injury have two sources for information and services within the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS): the **Office of Acquired Brain Injury (OABI)** and the **Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS)** Program. Together, these programs focus on education, prevention, resource facilitation and rehabilitation services and support for persons with a brain or spinal cord injury, caregivers and the community.

[CRS](#) supports people with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or traumatic spinal cord injury and utilizes a wraparound model, person-centered planning and practices and trauma informed care to integrate a holistic



approach for persons that receive support. Through collaboration with community members, providers, and other stakeholders, the program offers a range of supports and resources, such as psychological, substance use, housing and independent living supports. CRS provides case management and funding for those in need of rehabilitation services and assistance obtaining durable medical equipment.

CRS also provides individualized supports to meet the person where they are whether that is the acute, post-acute, or community reintegration process of their recovery.

CRS can pay for in-patient and post-acute rehabilitation services with limitations. Participants must first use all available personal medical benefits before they can use CRS program funding to pay for services. Learn more by reading the program brochure ([English](#)) or in [Spanish](#).

Office of Acquired Brain Injury Offers Resources and Assistance

The [Office of Acquired Brain Injury](#) (OABI) helps people with a brain injury, their family, or caregivers find and connect with the services and support they need both within the HHS system as well as with other community partners. The program offers a series of educational presentations and materials to encourage awareness about brain injury, the prevention of brain injury, and focuses on collaboration and networking opportunities with both internal and external partners. OABI offers videos and other resources, including the [Texas Brain Injury Resource Guide](#) to help individuals and families to navigate the complex system of services and resources, as well as information on support groups. Other materials include [Adults and Children Concussion Cards](#) and [Athletes Concussion Card](#). The videos cover a range of topics, including videos featured below. All videos can be found [here](#).



Living with Brain Injury



HHS' OABI Video on Navigating the Maze



In recognition of [Brain Injury Awareness Month](#) in March, Texas Brain Injury Programs will offer a free, virtual 2022 Annual Texas Brain Injury Awareness Month Conference. The theme is "Resiliency and Recovery: Bouncing Forward". Persons with lived experience will share their stories of resiliency and recovery and state and national experts will discuss the importance of resiliency in the brain injury recovery process. All sessions will be free and open to the public. The conference will be held on [Wednesday, 3/30/2022](#), from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm (CST), and [Thursday, 3/31/2022](#), from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (CST). View the [schedule and register](#) to learn more about topics to be covered, speakers, learning objectives, and continuing education credits, register to attend!



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