

20 Annual 13 REPORT



UNITED STATES

**Brain Injury
Alliance**

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ABOUT US

The United States Brain Injury Alliance (USBIA) was formed in 2012. The Alliance is comprised of 21 state-wide brain injury organizations from all regions of the United States. The member states contain close to 100,000,000 people and represent slightly more than 30% of the population according to the 2010 Census.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the United States Brain Injury Alliance is to engage the community in preventing brain injuries and improving lives. We will accomplish this through awareness, prevention, advocacy, support, research, and community engagement.

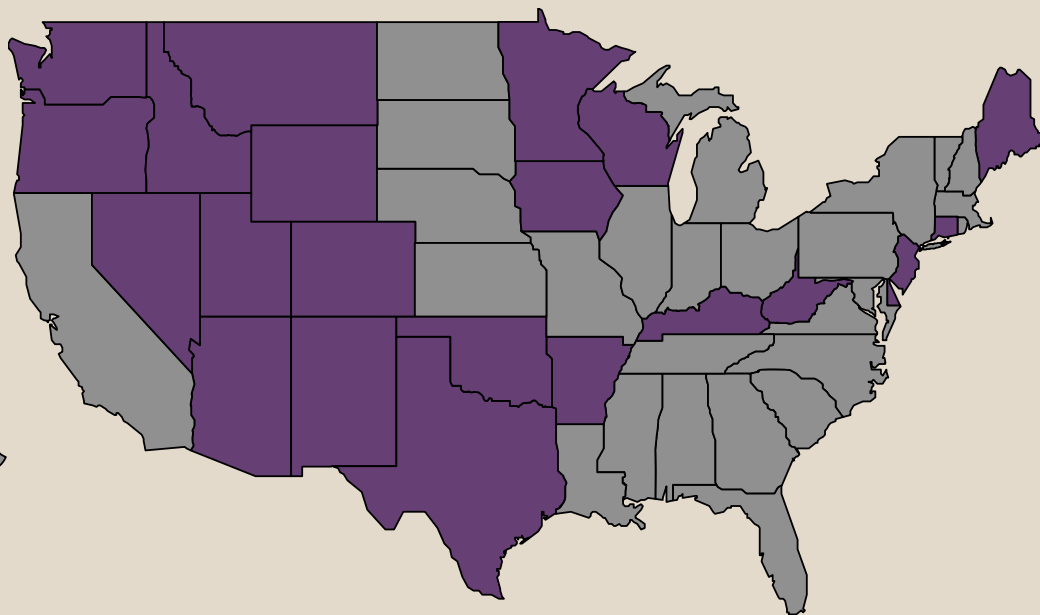
Collaboration

Support

Awareness

Resources

21 CURRENT USBIA MEMBERS



- Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona
- Brain Injury Alliance of Arkansas
- Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado
- Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut
- Brain Injury Alliance of Idaho
- Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa
- Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky
- Maine Brain Injury Information Network
- Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance
- Brain Injury Alliance of Montana
- Brain Injury Alliance of Nevada
- Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey
- Brain Injury Alliance of New Mexico
- Brain Injury Alliance of Oklahoma
- Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon
- Texas Brain Injury Alliance
- Brain Injury Alliance of Utah
- Brain Injury Alliance of Washington
- Brain Injury Alliance of West Virginia
- Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin
- Brain Injury Alliance of Wyoming

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NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

USBIA advocates for national public policy that will fulfill our vision of a world where all people with brain injury and their caregivers maximize their quality of life. Important activities for the year are detailed below.

- USBIA conducted a needs assessment report of its 21 state member organizations to identify the most pressing needs faced by people with brain injury and their caregivers. The results were used in several meetings with the congressional staff working on the reauthorization of the TBI Act to urge better services for people with brain injury.
- USBIA participated in **One Voice Coalition**, a collaboration with other national brain injury organizations to develop a federal position paper describing the unmet needs of people with brain injury.
- USBIA became a member of the **Consortium For Citizens With Disabilities (CCD)**, a coalition of about 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

SERVICES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR MEMBERS, TODAY AND TOMORROW

USBIA works to build on and distribute the strengths, experience, passion and knowledge of its members. In 2013, we facilitated this by:

- Establishing **peer support** for state members to provide guidance regarding ways to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of their organizations.
- Launching an **integrated website** that includes the latest information, resources, research, legislation, and support for individuals with brain injuries, their caregivers, and professionals in the field of brain injury. This site is open to the public.
- Conducting **webinars and trainings** focused on self-advocacy, grant writing, and information and resource systems.
- Developing a comprehensive **E-Library** that contains resource information, cutting-edge educational presentations, nonprofit business best practices, and other materials that members can use freely to manage their local operations.