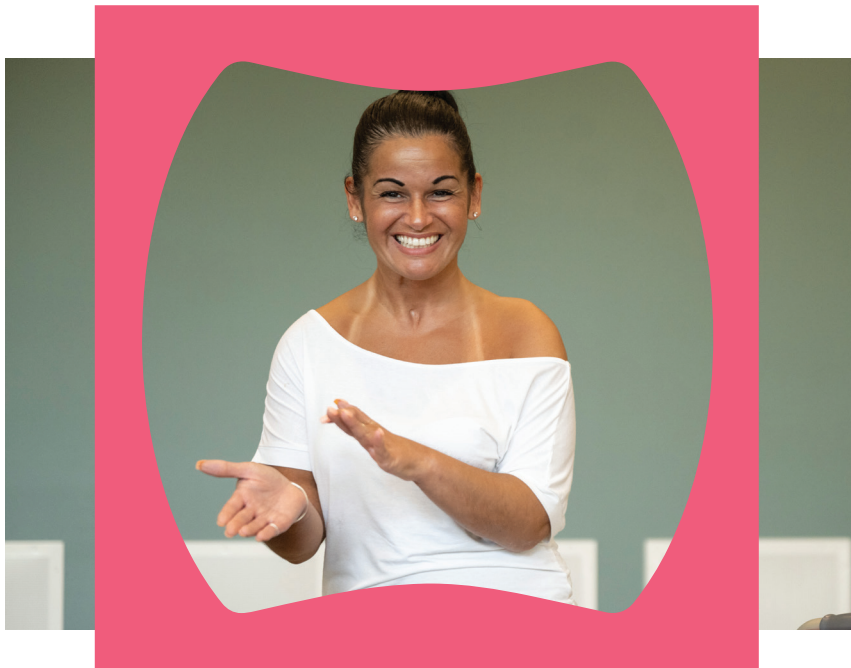




Statewide Head Injury Program

Living with a Traumatic Brain Injury

MassAbility



What is a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)?

A TBI occurs when an external force, such as car crash, a serious fall, an assault, etc. causes severe and permanent damage to a person's brain. This disruption causes significant cognitive, physical, and behavioral or social challenges depending on the severity of the injury.

How can MassAbility help?

MassAbility created the Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP) to empower people living with TBIs to live life on their own terms. The program provides skills training, companions, residential services, and access to Brain Injury Community Centers across the Commonwealth.

Not sure if you're eligible? No problem.

To check eligibility for services, complete an online application through MassAbility Connect. You can also request an application be mailed to you. Our dedicated MassAbility Connect Team members will provide more information if needed, assist you through the application process, and help guide you through the next steps for eligibility.

What happens when I'm deemed eligible for services?

When you've been determined eligible, your SHIP Program Coordinator will work with you to find the services that best fit your needs.

These include:

- + 24/7 assistance in a group home setting
- + Training and support for individual skills to live in your community
- + Companion services for family support
- + Placements with a trained caregiver who will help you meet your daily living needs
- + Family consultation
- + Schools, agencies, and programs consultation
- + Social and recreation programs
- + Outreach if you don't have a home
- + On-site MassAbility staff support at regional service centers

What happens if I'm not eligible for SHIP services?

No need to worry! If you are not eligible for SHIP services, our dedicated staff will provide you with information on referral services, available social and recreational programs, and general consultation for schools, agencies, and other programs. The team will also guide other local services and resources.

Exciting ways to connect to the Brain Injury Community.

Brain Injury Community Centers (BICC) provide support through a membership based program. Each center provides an inclusive community, as staff and community members work together to develop and manage center services. This mutual support contributes to the growth of members' skills, goals, and self-esteem.

Community Center Locations

Brain Injury Community Center of Western Mass

31 Franklin Street
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 579-4044

New Start Brain Injury Community Center

15 Salem Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(774) 530-6220

Safe Minds Community Center

890 East Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876
978-505-6342

The Seven Hills NeuroCare Brain Injury Clubhouse

589 South 1st Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 315-7455

Vinfen Brain Injury Community Center

61 Inner Belt Road, Entrance 2
Somerville, MA 02143
(617) 616-2422

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