

Diagnosed with Brain Injury?

If you or a family member has impairments as a result of a brain injury, you should know about the resources listed below. This is not an exhaustive list of resources in South Carolina, but includes those that are vital when first seeking information about public resources. Please see the back page for resources important for children.

**If you need additional assistance finding help, contact SC Access at 800-868-9095*

or access their website at www.scaccesshelp.org

General Resources

The **Brain Injury Association of South Carolina** offers brain injury information and resources, support groups, prevention materials, awareness events, and statewide conferences and workshops for individuals with brain injuries, caregivers and the general public.

Toll Free in SC: 877-TBI-FACT (824-3228) or 803-731-9823 (out of state); www.biausa.org/SC

If you can't afford to pay for medical care, **Medicaid** can assist financially eligible people to get care from approved providers. A person must apply for Medicaid at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. An electronic application is available on the website.

Toll Free: 888-549-0820; www.dhhs.state.sc.us

For financial assistance, the **Social Security Administration** provides applications for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income.

Toll Free: 800-772-1213; www.socialsecurity.gov

The **SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department** provides rehabilitation services for people with disabilities leading to competitive employment. The agency also serves eligible school-age individuals in an effort to support their transition into the competitive work environment. The Brain Injury Program provides services to identify barriers to employment and develop behavior and compensatory strategies to improve their work-related performance. For ages 16 and up.

Toll Free: 800-832-7526; www.scvrd.net

SC Brain Injury Leadership Council is SC's advisory body on brain injury as mandated under the federal TBI Act of 1996. It is an active forum for addressing systems issues, service gaps, funding constraints, and public awareness related to brain injury.

www.scbilc.com or www.LifewithBrainInjury.com

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities provides a variety of assistance for people with disabilities who feel their rights are violated or are having difficulty accessing services.

Toll Free: 866-275-7273; www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org

The SC Department of Mental Health provides a full range of community and inpatient services to citizens of all ages who have emotional or psychiatric problems.

Toll Free: 800-763-1024; www.state.sc.us/dmh

The SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division, offers information and referral, service coordination to directly assist an individual in accessing all appropriate public and private resources, and an array of other services and supports.

Toll Free: 866-867-3864 or 888-376-4636; www.ddsn.sc.gov/consumers/divisions/Pages/HASCI.aspx

Community Long Term Care offers programs to help individuals who want to live at home, need assistance with their care, and are financially eligible for Medicaid.

Toll Free: 888-549-0820; www.dhhs.state.sc.us or

[www.scdhhs.gov/insidedhhs/bureaus/BureauofLongTermCareServices/How Do I Apply.asp](http://www.scdhhs.gov/insidedhhs/bureaus/BureauofLongTermCareServices/How%20Do%20I%20Apply.asp)

The Free Medical Clinic provides quality healthcare, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance. To qualify for the clinic, individuals must meet two conditions: have no health insurance and have a household income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level.

Main Number: 803-765-1503; www.freemedclinic.org

The Benefit Bank of SC, a program of the SC Office of Rural Health, is a web-based service that simplifies and centralizes the process of applying for many state and federal benefits for those with low or moderate-incomes. TBB-SC ensures that people are aware of the benefits to which they are entitled and maximizing those they can secure.

800-726-8774; www.thebenefitbank.com/SouthCarolina

Children's Resources

The SC Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Children, ensures that all children with disabilities in South Carolina have a free and appropriate public education, protects the rights of these children and their parents, and provides leadership to school districts and state-operated programs in the provision of appropriate special education and related services.

Main Number 803-734-8224; <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/ec/>

Brain Injury Navigator is a web resource for students, families and educators. Each year in South Carolina more than 900 students return to school after sustaining brain injury. Visit this website for information and resources for students, families, and educators concerning brain injury and school re-entry.

www.Binav.org

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The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Children with Special Health Care Needs, operates a variety of programs for children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or severe developmental delays. Of particular interest, the Children's Rehabilitative Services program helps ensure access to appropriate medical (and related) services for SC residents under the age of 21 with a range of chronic illnesses and/or handicapping conditions living in households with adjusted family income under 250% of the federal poverty level.

Care Line: 800-868-0404; <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/cshcn/>

BabyNet at SC First Steps is an early intervention program that provides services to infants and toddlers under 3 years of age with developmental delays or who have conditions associated with developmental delays. To the maximum extent possible, services are provided in the child's natural environments.

Care Line: 800-868-0404; Office: 803-734-8077(Provider Relations Consultant); www.scfirststeps.org/babynet.html;
babynet@scfirststeps.org

PRO-Parents (Parents Reaching Out to Parents) provides information and training about special education law to families of children with disabilities and special needs. Not income based.

803-772-5688 or 1-800-759-4776; www.proparents.org/

Family Connection of South Carolina is a network of parents working with community professionals to provide parent-to-parent support and assurance to families with children of all ages who have special needs.

(803)252-0914; Statewide: 1-800-578-8750; www.familyconnections.org/

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities (P&A) provides support and protection concerning the legal and civil rights of person with disabilities. P&A can advocate for children about their right to services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Not income based.

1.866.275.7273; www.pandasc.org/