

BRAIN POWER

2019, Volume III

ADVOCACY UPDATE

New Concussion Prevention Law

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo recently signed legislation that will require all parents and guardians be provided with information about concussions and sub-concussive blows. Empowering parents with this information is important, but here's the rub: this will only be required for kids participating in youth tackle football.

The legislation (S.2958a [Kruger]/A.6968a [Benedetto]) was signed into law on September 3, 2019 as Chapter 243, and has made it's way into just about every news outlet there is. Headlines aside, rest assured that we're working with decision makers to make sure all youth sports are included in the informational packets that will be provided by the New York State Department of Health, who are mandated by this new law to create the packets and house the information on their website. We'll also be working to ensure that the information is accurate and current, with the help of our Concussion Initiative.

Other Advocacy News

Keep an eye out for your chance to help us push for the **Continuum of Care Resource Facilitation Project**. In the coming weeks, we'll be asking you to send letters of support and make phone calls to Governor Cuomo's office to make sure funding is included in the 2021 Executive Budget. More to come in October!

Mark your calendars for **Advocacy Day 2020!** Join us in Albany on Thursday, March 5th for a day of action and community at the State Capital during Brain Injury Awareness Month.

MARCH ON FOR BRAIN INJURY 2019

It's official: our community is incredible! March On 2019 brought us together in Rochester, Highland (Hudson Valley), New York City and East Meadow (Long Island) for a day of fun and visibility. The rain held off in the Hudson Valley just long enough for everyone to cross the Walkway Over the Hudson and get back, but other than that, it was sunshine and smiles!

This year, more than 480 walkers helped us raise more than \$125,000! These funds will help us continue our Helpline, FACTS Program, Professional Development Series and so much more. We are humbled by our community's generosity and promise to keep bringing you the very best programs and services. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

March On for Brain Injury 2019 would not have been possible without our volunteers and sponsors. Your support means the world to us!

THANK YOU!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Supporting Students Recovering from Concussion Webinar Series

October 24, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

November 19, 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

December 18, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

We're pleased to announce the availability of these monthly presentations for educators through the end of 2019. These webinars are part of our Improving Concussion Management for New York State Students project, funded by the New York State Health Foundation. To register or for more information, go to <https://bianys.org/events/>.

TCS New York City Marathon Official Charity Partner Program

November 3

We are proud to be selected as an Official Charity Partner of the TCS New York City Marathon for the fourth year in a row. This year's team is full, but you can follow our team and make a donation here: <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/bianys>.

Journey of Hope Gala 2019

November 7, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Manhattan Penthouse

The Journey of Hope Gala celebrates and recognizes those who have made significant advances in the field of brain injury. Join us for cocktails, food, music and awards to raise funds for programs and services delivered directly to brain injury survivors. For tickets and more information, go to <https://bianys.org/event/journey-of-hope-gala-2019/>.

CBIS Training/Examination

November 19, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

This CBIS course is specifically designed to help you review material for the certification examination and to strengthen the network of dedicated, competent brain injury specialists across New York State. The deadline to register has passed, but you can reach out to Karen Thomas, Director of Family Services, at kthomas@bianys.org or (518) 459-7911 for upcoming Training and Exam information.

Professional Development Series: Acquired Brain Injuries in the Elderly Population

November 20, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Falls in the elderly that result in brain injury are one of the fastest growing areas acquired brain injuries in the United States. This session will focus on the particular care considerations that should be implemented in this special population, exploring the particular diagnostic considerations as well as treatments and prognosis. To register or for more information, visit <https://bianys.org/get-involved/events/>.

Annual Conference & Medical Symposium 2020

June 10-12, 2020

We'll be returning to Saratoga Springs in June for three days of community and learning. Keep an eye out for our Annual Conference Session Call for Submissions, coming in mid-October 2019.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Like it or not, school is back in session. If you're an educator, this means that you might have students with concussions in your classroom. This type of brain injury manifests in many ways and can heal quickly or have longer-lasting consequences.

To help you make sure your students are successful, we've scheduled monthly presentations of the Supporting Students Recovering from Concussion webinar through the end of 2019. These webinars are part of our Improving Concussion Management for New York State Students project, funded by the New York State Health Foundation.



These are FREE webinars for educators and are also available as in-person trainings (also FREE).

You'll gain an appreciation for what a concussed student faces on a daily basis, and:

- Learn about concussion symptoms, causes, recovery and barriers to recovery
- Examine how an effective Concussion Management Team operates
- Be trained on Return to Learn protocols

The free webinars are scheduled for October 24 at 4pm, November 19 at 6pm, December 18 at 4pm.

To register, visit bianys.org/get-involved/events or contact Michelle Kellen, MEd, Professional Development Manager at mkellen@bianys.org or 518-459-7911.

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Journey of Hope

Annual Gala
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Manhattan Penthouse

For tickets & information, please visit bianys.org.



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