Our mission is to be the statewide resource for those impacted by brain and/or spinal cord injury.

ADVOCACY • AWARENESS • EDUCATION
PREVENTION • SERVICES

RESOURCES CENTER
Our Resource Center provides a comprehensive website which consists of detailed information about the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund along with educational materials, support group information, and a calendar of events. A resource guide is also available on the website.

SUPPORT GROUPS
BIALA provides grants and resources to support groups throughout Louisiana. Information on how to start a support group and current support groups are listed on our website.

24-HOUR HOTLINE
Survivors, caregivers, and professionals rely upon this vital service for help and hope as they traverse the challenges of living with or helping those with brain and spinal cord injuries.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
BIALA brings together professionals for a two-day conference where CEUs are offered, and the opportunity to learn from experts in the field along with visit with over 30 exhibitors. A separate social event is planned, in conjunction with the conference, for survivors and their caregivers.

TRAUMATIC HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY TRUST FUND PROGRAM
BIALA is supported in part by the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program, created by the Louisiana Legislature in 1993 with Act 654. This program was created to provide service in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries. Act 654 authorizes the establishment of a resource center for person with these disabilities. BIALA was selected as the state’s resource center. To learn about the THSCI trust fund program and apply for services, visit biala.org.

CONNECTIONS CIRCLE
“Connections Immersed in Real Community Life Experiences” is a program connecting individuals needing support with existing support systems through enrichment and social events.

READY, RELAX, EAT
This program gives caregivers a respite from meal preparation by periodically having meals prepared and delivered to qualified caregivers.

MS. WHEELCHAIR LOUISIANA
In coordination with the Ms. Wheelchair American program, Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana provides an opportunity for women of achievement, who utilize wheelchairs, to successfully educate and advocate for individuals with disabilities.

SPORTS/RECREATION
Through formalized partnerships, BIALA provides support and assistance for two sports and recreation programs.

UNMASKING BRAIN INJURY
This initiative brings awareness and education about brain injuries though a traveling art display created by individuals with brain injuries.

PEER MENTORING
BIALA offers to pair trained peer mentors with individuals living with brain and/or spinal cord injuries and/or their caregivers as they navigate life with a disability.

FRIENDS OF BIALA
This philanthropic leadership circle helps raise awareness and funding for individuals living with brain and/or spinal cord injuries, and inspires others to help make a difference in the lives of these individuals.

JOIN BIALA
Free membership to BIALA keeps you informed on resources and events, gives you an active voice in advocacy, connects you to our national organizations, and comes with a monthly subscription to New Mobility Magazine. Membership applications are available on our website.