

**Brain STEPS
Consultation Team
REFERRAL FORM**

Child's Name _____

DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Type of Brain Injury: _____

Severity of Injury:

_____ mild

_____ moderate/severe

Date of Injury: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Name of Person Referring child:

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Why are you referring this child to
The Brain STEPS Team?

TEAM MEMBERS

Special Education Supervisor

School Psychologists

Community Liasons

Therapists

Teachers

Parents

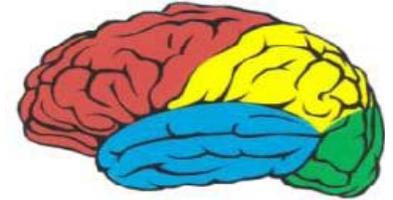
Nurses

Outside Consultants

**Direct Questions and
Referrals to:**

**Marc I. Bernstein
Chairperson IU 20 Team
(610) 252-5550**

**IU 20 Brain
STEPS**



**Brain Injury School
Re-Entry Team
Consultation Program**

Serving Northampton,
Monroe, &
Pike Counties

What is the Brain STEPS Program?

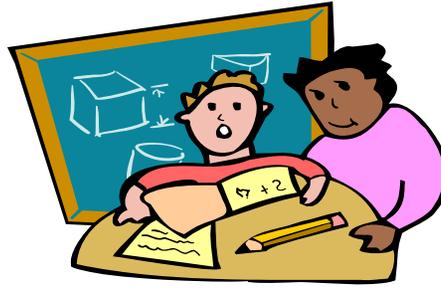
Each year, over 3,000 of PA's children survive traumatic brain injuries significant enough to require hospitalization. Many of these children are left with life-altering difficulties in physical, cognitive, or behavioral functioning.

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, under a grant from the PA Department of Health, and partnered with the PA Department of Education, created the Child & Adolescent Brain Injury School Re-Entry Program called "Brain STEPS"

Strategies
Teaching
Educators
Parents
Students

Brain STEPS is working to make sure that those who provide educational support to children with brain injury have a good understanding that will help these students achieve optimal educational success.

Brain STEPS is a "Brain Injury School Re-Entry" model that is being established across Pennsylvania. Brain STEPS Consulting Teams are comprised of professionals from varying disciplines who have received extensive training on educating students with TBI. Team members will act as consultants for the IU 20 region and are available to provide basic training and resources to colleagues and families of students with TBI and other brain injuries.



What Does Brain STEPS Team Provide?

- ◆ Successful school re-entry of school-age children/adolescents in Northampton, Monroe, & Pike Counties who have experienced brain injury, mild to severe.
- ◆ Collaboration with families, medical facilities, serving school districts, and community resources in the provision of outreach services including, but not limited to training of key personnel, liaison/family support, educational plan development, educational plan implementation, and the monitoring/trouble shooting of educational service delivery.
- ◆ Consistent and familiar contacts for hospital and rehabilitation personnel.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Statistics 2005:

Children with TBI:

1 in 125

Children with Autism Spectrum
Disorder:

1 in 150

How are Referrals Made to the Brain STEPS Team?

The Brain STEPS Team will accept referrals from school districts, agencies, parents, physicians, early intervention service providers or other service providers within the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 area.

A referral can be made by a family member, physician, agency, or school by completing the referral form and returning it to:

IU 20 Brain STEPS Consulting Team
Colonial Intermediate Unit 20
6 Danforth Drive
Easton, PA. 18045-7899

What is Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)?

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) as defined by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) is "an acquired brain injury caused by an external physical force, resulting in a functional disability that adversely affects a child's educational performance."