



NORTH DAKOTA
BRAIN INJURY
NETWORK

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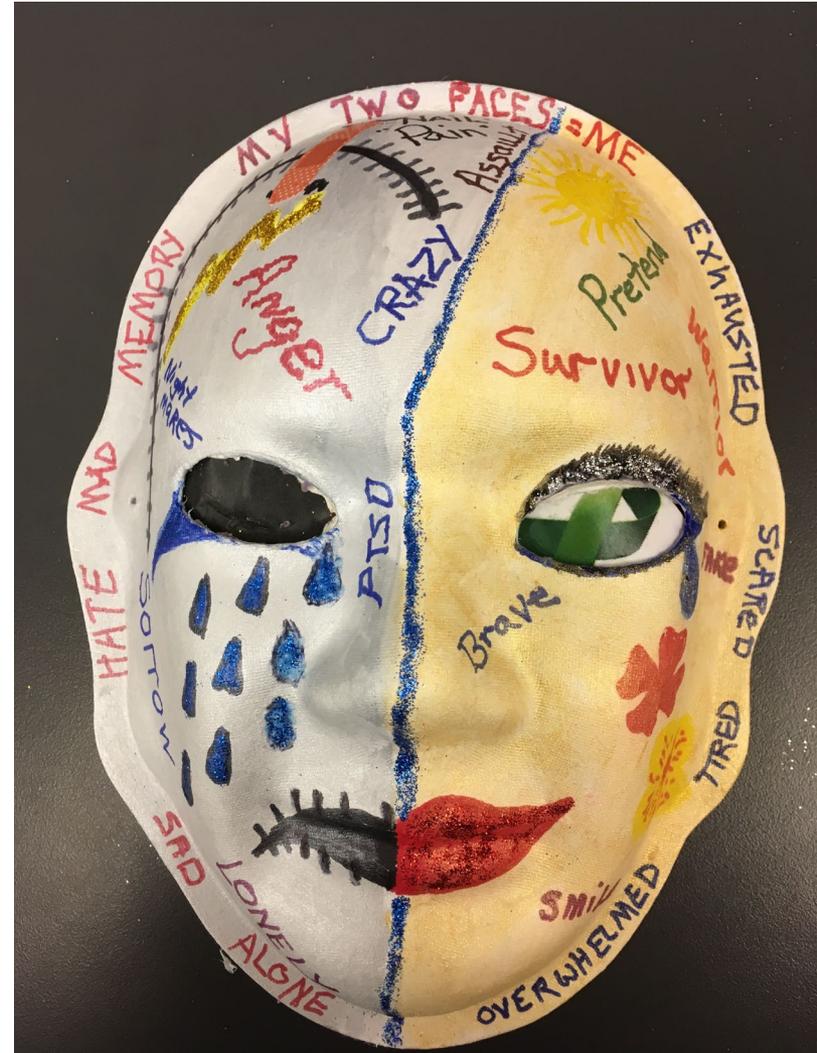
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*Help for Today,
Hope for Tomorrow.*

North Dakota Brain Injury Network

- Free service to individuals, family members and professionals
- The central source of brain injury support, information, and education for ND

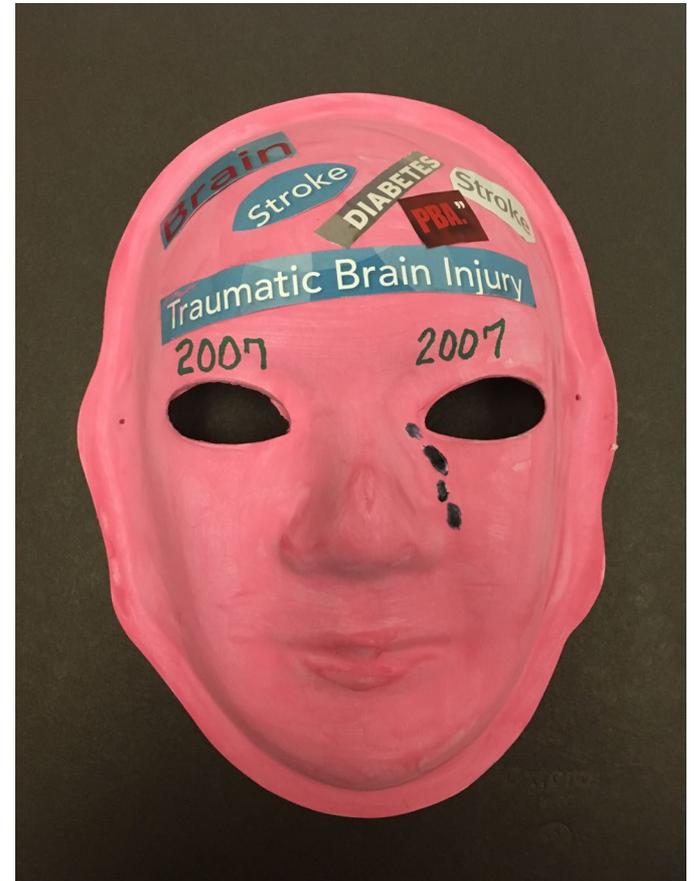


Why NDBIN?

- NDBIN was developed because there had been identified a **lack of awareness, lack of training, and a lack of coordination across existing services.**
- NDBIN meets these needs by providing:
 - Outreach
 - Toll-free number, website with searchable directory
 - Informal supports and resource facilitation
 - Education and training for individuals, family, and providers

Need to Fully Restore Funding

- Have slowly built over 10 years to have this base infrastructure.
- NDBIN is complementary of newly developing services, not duplicative or able to be shifted.



Concerns about Replacing with 1915i

Diagnosis Eligibility

- Neurocognitive Disorder Due to Traumatic Brain Injury
- Excludes those with acquired

Financial Eligibility

- Majority of individuals utilizing NDBIN are not on Medicaid
- For most NDBIN is there only service option because they are over the limits to qualify for other programs

Level of Care and Service Needs

- Variety of brain injury presentation requires various avenues for support
- NDBIN provides navigation across all systems

Role of NDBIN

- Hub for support and training
- Vital to maintain NDBIN as the resource to support the development of providers and individuals navigate the available services.



Greg is a 45-year-old male from Fargo who sustained several TBIs as a child.

He was never identified as having a brain injury, or provided treatment, but has struggled with attention, memory, impulse control, and addiction.

He was screened for brain injury by his Free Through Recovery provider and was referred to NDBIN for assistance.

How NDBIN helped:

- Provided education to Greg about his brain injury and learning to manage his symptoms.
- Training to his providers about high incidence in the criminal justice system and how to modify services to be more supportive
- Began attending brain injury support group and now “doesn’t feel alone or in a fog”



Melissa is a freshman in high school in a rural ND town.

She sustained a severe TBI in an ATV accident 2 years ago.

She received inpatient rehabilitation, but was discharged to her rural ND home with little support.

Her special education teacher reached out to NDBIN for assistance.

How NDBIN helped:

- Education and support to parents regarding understanding of brain injury and disability acceptance.
- Explained possible available services and eligibility.
- Provided TBI education to teachers and TBI prevention education to fellow students
- Provided materials for special ed teacher to utilize and technical assistance in developing individualized education plan.



Heather is a working mother of two. She sustained a brain injury last year when she was rear-ended.

She broke her nose as well as was unconscious for 20 minutes. She was treated in the emergency room, but was discharged with no information or follow up.

Since her injury she has been feeling forgetful, disorganized, short tempered with her kids, and feels isolated. Heather found NDBIN via a google search and called the toll-free number.

How NDBIN helped:

- Education and support to parents regarding understanding of brain injury and disability acceptance.
- Explained available services and eligibility
- TBI training for teachers and fellow students
- Technical assistance in developing individualized education plan and supportive materials

Staff

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