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| THE VOICE OF BRAIN INJURY

DID YOU KNOW...

- Every 13.1 seconds, one American will sustain a brain injury
- Brain Injury is the leading killer and disabler of children and young adults
- There are currently 5.3 million people Americans living with a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury in the United States
- Annually, the national cost of traumatic brain injury is estimated to be \$76 billion

FACTS: Family, Advocacy, Counseling and Training Services Program

The Family Advocacy, Counseling and Training Services Program (FACTS) of the Brain Injury Association of New York State is a support service for individuals who sustained a brain injury and their families. FACTS Coordinators are trained specialists in the brain injury field with the knowledge and experience with the brain injury community. Many have been personally impacted by brain injury and offer uniquely individualized services to families. FACTS Coordinators are located throughout the state and provide services in each county.

The FACTS Program provides the following services:

- Supportive counseling and on-going emotional support for the individual and family
- Assistance in locating appropriate services in the community
- Information and linkage with state and local service systems
- Education, advocacy, and training of persons with brain injury and their families regarding brain injury
- Assistance with the development of brain injury support groups
- Assistance with repatriation and the prevention of out-of-state placements
- Outreach and prevention training to local service providers such as hospitals and schools regarding brain injury and assistance with the development of services for persons with brain injury

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The FACTS Program is free of charge to individuals who have sustained a brain injury prior to age 22 and their families. The program is funded by a grant from the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The work of the FACTS Program is enhanced by voluntary financial contribution and membership in the Association.

MORE INFORMATION

For the FACTS Coordinator in your area or additional information about support groups and resources, please call: 1-800-444-6443 or visit www.bianys.org.