

Traumatic Brain Injury Support Groups

Support groups function independently of BIAF and differ in each community, depending on the needs and desires of attendees. BIAF provides resources, educational materials, and technical assistance where possible. For information about these groups and their meeting locations and times, please contact the individuals listed. Since each group is different, you are encouraged to contact several groups, to find the one that best meets your needs.

COUNTY	CITY	NAME	PHONE/OTHER
Alachua	Gainesville	Marie Mysiuk, RN, CRRN	352-265-5494
Bay	Panama City	Kathy Meade	850-769-7779
Brevard	Melbourne	Brenda Buchweitz	321-728-0258
Brevard	Rockledge	Vikki Weinberg	321- 268-5103 Co-chair John Dillon
Broward	Hollywood	Cheri Surloff, PhD, PsyD	954-987-2020x4725
Broward	Pompano	Mark E. & Angela Todd	954-776-5010
Charlotte	Port Charlotte	Bob Binese	941-697-3055
Duval	Jacksonville	Jane M. Elkins	1-866-529-2474 -Toll-free
Escambia	Pensacola	Joann Massey	850-494-6100
Highlands	Sebring	Deanna Pieretti	863-385-1196
Hillsborough	Brandon	Darlene Pondo R.E.M.	813-657-9712
Hillsborough	Tampa South	Robert Barrett	813-908-1375
Hillsborough	Tampa (Tampa Gen.)	Rebecca McAlaster	813-844-7759
Hillsborough	Tampa (VA Hospital)	Steve Klemz	813-972-2000x6663
Hillsborough	Tampa/USF	Gayle Holden	813-949-1564
Lake	Leesburg	Barbara Castlow	352-483-1353
Lake	The Villages	Margie Sovercool	352-793-7841
Lee	Fort Myers	Howard Kalter, PhD	239-403-8883
Lee	LeHigh Acres	Lynda Kendrick	239-369-2601
Leon	Tallahassee	Teddy McOuat, RN	850-421-3890
Miami-Dade	Miami (Baptist)	Sharon Wright	786-596-6578 or Caroline Godinez 786-596-6108
Miami-Dade	Miami (HealthSouth)	James Nadell	305-259-6433 Co-leader Dr. Rhonda Vivas
Miami-Dade	Miami (Jackson Mem)	Susan Ireland	305-585-1267 Bilingual group @ Ryder Trauma Center
Okaloosa	Ft. Walton Beach	Martha & Pete Bayer	850-244-1310
Orange	Orlando	Marie-Terese E.	407-228-2818
Palm Beach	Delray Beach	Mary Kaye	561-495-3048
Palm Beach	West Palm	Elise Johansen	561-848-7200
Pasco	Zephyrhills	James M Bicknell	813-715-9155
Pasco (West)	Hudson/Hernando City	Joan & Bob Tavares	727 375-5395
Pinellas	Largo	Brian Madrinan	727-588-1864
Pinellas	Palm Harbor	Cathy Buka	727-785-5150
Pinellas	St. Petersburg	Steven Frank, PhD	727-322-612
Polk	Winter Haven	Linda Rumrell	863-292-4061 x4937
Sarasota	Sarasota	Gregoria Halley	941-351-9545 x 105
Sumter	Sumterville	Margie Sovercool	352-793-7841
Sumter	Wildwood	Linda Bull	352-748-5161
Volusia	Daytona	Dawn Leuck	386-677-7559 or cell 386-299-8633
Volusia	Deland	Tom Dockery, CAAP	386-532-9670