



The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the needs of the estimated 100,000 Minnesotans who live with a disability due to brain injury.

Mission

To enhance the quality of life and bring the promise of a better tomorrow for all people affected by brain injury.

Organizational Strengths and Values

- **QUALITY.** We provide all people affected by brain injury with the highest level of service of which we are capable.
- **PEOPLE-CENTERED SERVICES.** We share a passion for the people we serve and strive to provide services that support each individual's choices and needs.
- **EQUAL ACCESS.** We work hard to ensure that all individuals are aware of and have access to services.
- **SOCIAL CHANGE.** We believe in social and systemic change as we empower others to advocate on their own behalf.
- **COLLABORATION.** We value our partners and recognize that together we can achieve more than if we act alone.

Services

Resource Facilitation – This free, two-year telephone support service assists Minnesotans in navigating life after brain injury. Program participants receive scheduled calls at regular intervals to help problem-solve issues and identify resources to help them transition back to work, school and their communities. Interpretation services are available for non-English speakers.

New to the Resource Facilitation service is the Peer/Mentor Support Connection, which matches individuals who have experienced a brain injury or their family members (Peers) with trained volunteers (Mentors).

Peers talk with Mentors for support, encouragement, and ideas as they adjust to life after a brain injury.

Case Management – The Case Management program assists Minnesotans on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Community Alternative for Disabled Individuals (CADI) Waivers, as well as provides Relocation Service Coordination within contracted counties. The Association can provide flexible case management services for individuals utilizing Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS).

Multicultural Outreach – Multicultural Outreach broadens awareness of brain injury in Minnesota's racially/ethnically diverse communities. This is achieved by working closely with existing cultural service organizations to provide education about brain injury and support to individuals, professionals, spiritual leaders and community members.

Education – The Association offers a wide variety of individual education and professional development programming. Some of these opportunities include: conferences, monthly meetings of the Brain Injury Community Committees, Family Retreat, and workshops.

Programs

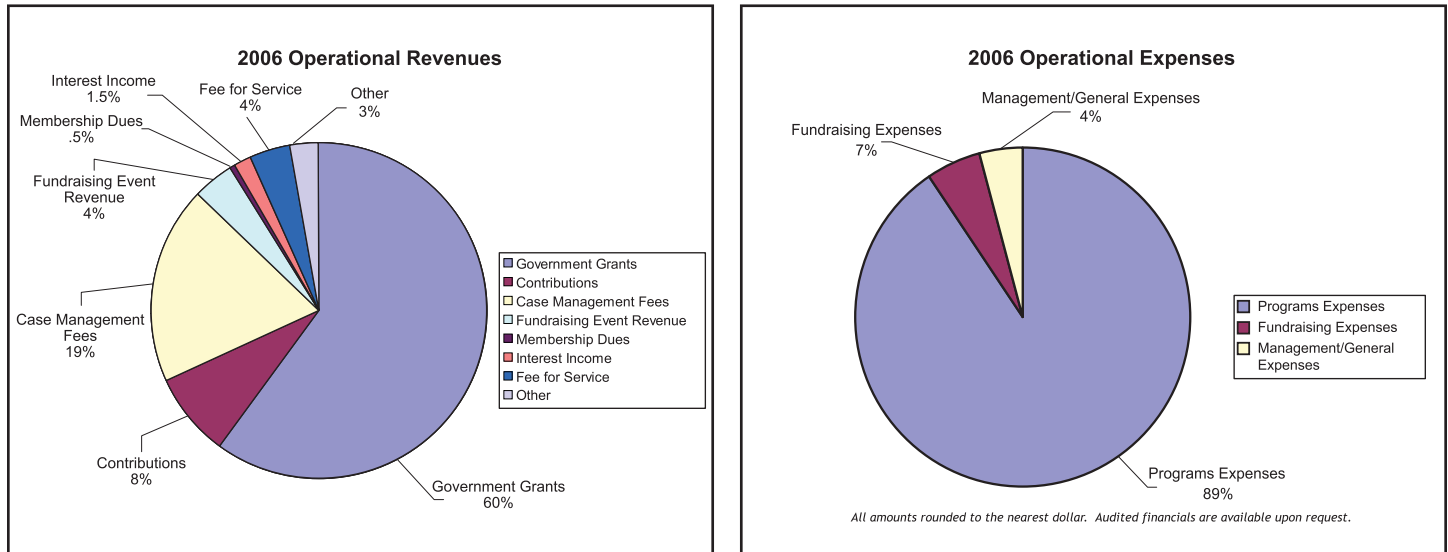
Public Awareness – Several public awareness activities are held statewide throughout the year to build awareness about brain injury prevention, causes, symptoms, and implications. Public Awareness produces multiple publications to connect persons with brain injury and their families with available services and reach professionals with information about brain injury.

Public Policy – Public Policy concentrates on grassroots advocacy to influence, educate and improve policies that affect people with brain injury and their loved ones. Public Policy activities include lobbying, Legislative Forums and the Minnesota Advocacy Project (MAP), a leadership training program for individuals affected by brain injury.

Volunteer – Volunteers with a variety of skills, expertise and time to give contribute to all areas of the Association including advocacy, education, communications, program support and administration. The Volunteer program also provides persons with brain injury workplace experience.

Funding & Staffing

The Brain Injury Association's 2006 actual yearly financials was \$1,679,212.00. Operating Revenues and Expenses included the following:



The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota operates with 32 employees and a Board of Directors consisting of 21 members - representing persons with brain injury, family members, and professionals.

2006 Outcomes & Impacts

- Brain Injury Association of Minnesota staff responded to 7,948 requests for information and resources and distributed 12,094 personalized education packets.
- More than 1,523 persons with brain injury and family members across the state received individual assistance services from Brain Injury Association of Minnesota staff.
- More than 15,077 persons with brain injury, family members, professionals and others attended Association-sponsored educational programs.
- Association-sponsored Public Awareness events and outreach collaborations created 7,712,755 impressions in children and adults throughout Minnesota.
- The Multicultural Outreach program assisted more than 9,955 persons from Minnesota's racially/ethnically diverse communities.

The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota is a source of support for Minnesotans affected by brain injury and professionals:

"You have provided me with more useful information over the phone than all the professionals we've seen in the past six months. Thanks!"

— Metro area family member

"When I read the information in the packet you sent, it was like someone opened up a wonderful door."

— Person with brain injury from central Minnesota

"It is an honor to work with the [Association] staff. Whether it's helping children with brain injury succeed in school, assisting people with brain injury transition back to work or helping individuals and their families cope with brain injury, the staff are 'angels with skin' to many Minnesotans."

— Representative from the Minnesota Department of Health

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