NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Brain Injury Oversight Committee will be held on February 16, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and the meeting will be held online with an in-person viewing option. The meeting will be held via Zoom at https://unmc.zoom.us/j/99904568500?pwd=cmZOSGVNYnVFem9vV0NVTFh0WFlqZz09. The Meeting ID is 999 0456 8500 and the Passcode is 232848.

For interested members of the public that would like to attend in-person, a location will be provided at Childrens Nebraska, 8404 Indian Hills Drive, Indian Hills East/Gold Building Omaha, NE 68114. Check in at the lobby to be escorted to the meeting.

The agenda and meeting materials to be discussed by the committee can be found at https://www.unmc.edu/aboutus/community-engagement/bioc/index.html. If members of the public and media have further questions about the meeting, contact Jamie Stahl at (402) 559-6300 or Jamie.stahl@unmc.edu. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act may be accessed at

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=84-1407.

BRAIN INJURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

February 16, 2024 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

II. Open Meetings Act Stateme	ent
III. Introductions and roll call	

Call to order

V. Public Comment

IV.

VI. Approval of minutes from September 15, 2023 meeting

VII. Discussion on LB-1417
VIII. Discussion of NOFO

IX. Executive Committee term update

Approval of the agenda

X. Establish a work group to review funding applications

XI. Bi-annual Report from BIA-NE

XII. Next meeting April 19, 2024, 1:00-3:00 PM in person meeting location to be determined

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 19, 2024 meeting agenda will include
 - Vote on fund recipient(s)
 - Vote on Vice-Chair and Secretary positions
 - UNMC Annual Expense Report for Brain Injury Oversight Committee Expenses July 2023 to June 2024, Establish Budget for FY 2024-25
- July 19, 2024 meeting agenda will include
 - Establishing timeline goals for FY 2024-25
 - Manage any other housekeeping needs
- Sept. 20, 2024 meeting will include
 - Annual report from funding recipient

XIII. Adjourn

BIA-NE Resource Facilitation

Resource Facilitation (RF) is a free service through the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska (BIA-NE). Resource Facilitators provide support, resources, and referrals to 1) individuals with brain injury; 2) family members and caregivers; and 3) health care or other social service professionals related to brain injury. Beyond helping individuals identify and navigate resources, Resource Facilitators assist with monitoring an individual's progress.

Levels of Resource Facilitation

unique individuals served¹



Of the active cases between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, there was an even split between case management and I&R (n=254)

Case Management

This is a more intensive level of RF where the Resource Facilitator helps develop a personalized plan for the client that includes setting goals, monitoring progress, and evaluating outcomes. These are generally individuals that need more than just resources or referrals.



95% of cases were with the individual with brain injury



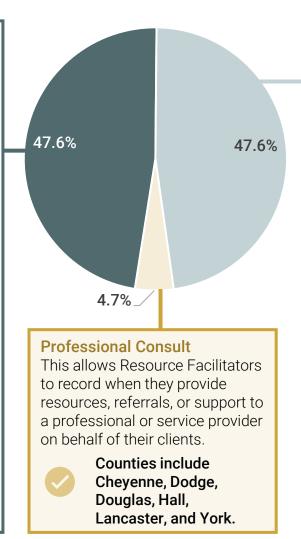
37% of cases (n=45) started prior to 7/1/23



54% of the CM cases are closed²



46% of closed cases ended because the client successfully received services3



I&R Services

This refers to Information & Referral. Interactions at this level may be a one-time interaction through a hotline call, or as many as five or six contacts for the individual to receive resources and referrals.



99% of cases were with the individual with brain injury



36% of cases started prior to 7/1/23



85% of the I&R cases are closed²



29% of the closed cases ended because the client successfully received services4

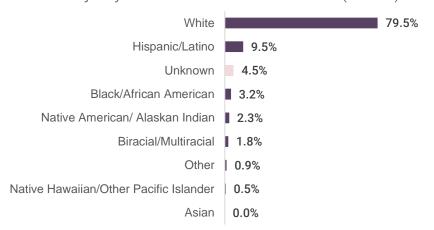
¹ This includes all clients with an Information & Referral or Case Management case as well as the Professional Consult cases (a person assisted through another agency). This number is higher than previous reports as it includes not only the clients who started a case between July 1 and December 2023, but also those that started prior to July 2023 but were still in service during the six-month time period. Previous reports did not include the latter.

² Cases fall into one of three categories. Open means the client is still actively working with the Resource Facilitator. Closed means there has been a natural conclusion to the work with the client. Dormant means a client has not had contact with the Resource Facilitator within a predetermined amount of time, prompting the Resource Facilitator to reconnect.

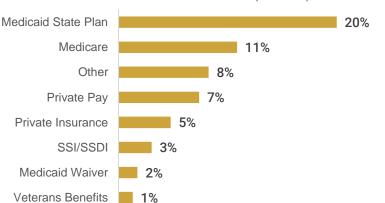
³ Other reasons for closing CM cases included: client was unresponsive to communication (20%); client did not complete necessary requirements (12%); client requested to end services (9%); and client moved out of state (6%).

⁴ Other reasons for closing I&R cases included: case was automatically closed due to no recorded contact between client and staff (22%); client was unresponsive to communication (19%); client requested to end services (15%); client did not complete necessary requirements (8%); case was converted to case management (4%); and client moved out of state (2%).

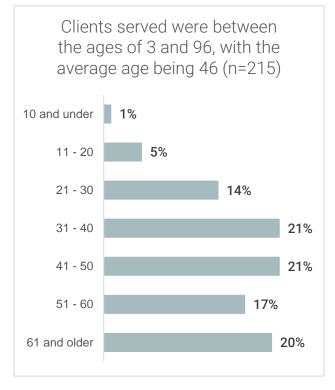
A majority of clients served were white (n=220)



At least 20% of the clients served were on a Medicaid State Plan (n=228)



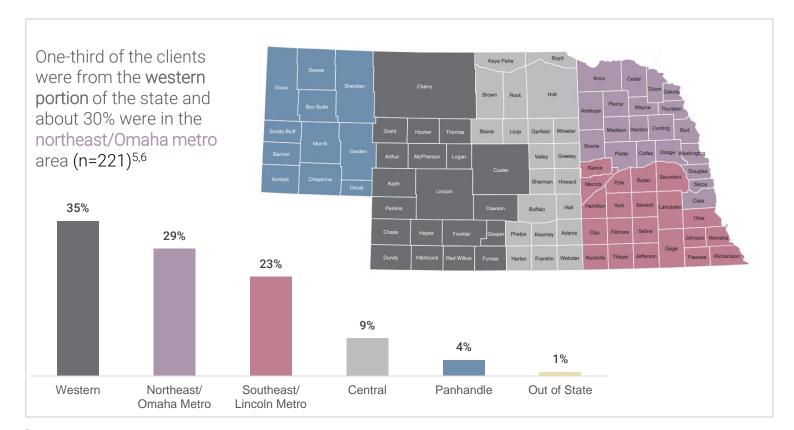
Demographics of Clients Served



50% male

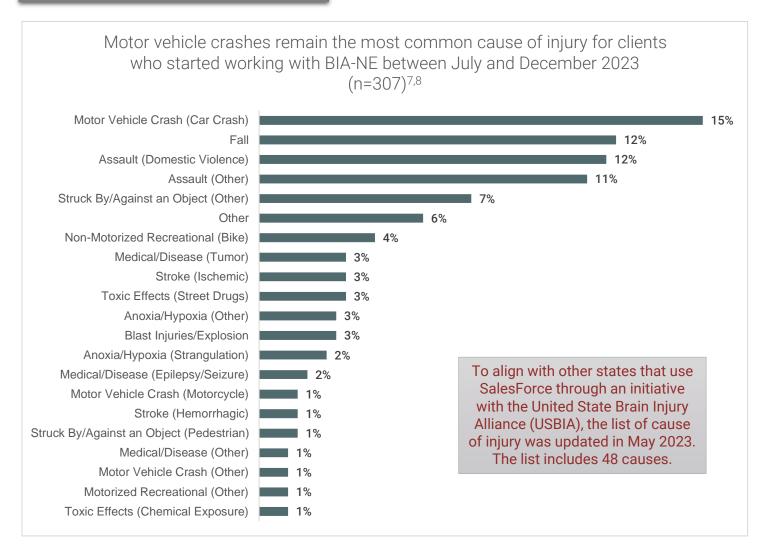


50% female



⁵ Two Resource Facilitators are in the western area of the state and work directly with the Lincoln County Jail, which results in a number of clients being served in Lincoln county (n=71).

⁶ With the addition of a new Resource Facilitator, counties in the Panhandle (11 in total) were distinguished from the 16 counties in the Western region to better understand service provision and needs. This position started Oct. 30, 2023.



Among the 322 injuries



reported feeling dazed or having a memory gap



were repeated injuries with unknown dates



of the injuries occurred while playing a sport



were tied to an attempt of suicide or self-harm

76%

of the injuries were classified as traumatic brain injuries (n=288)

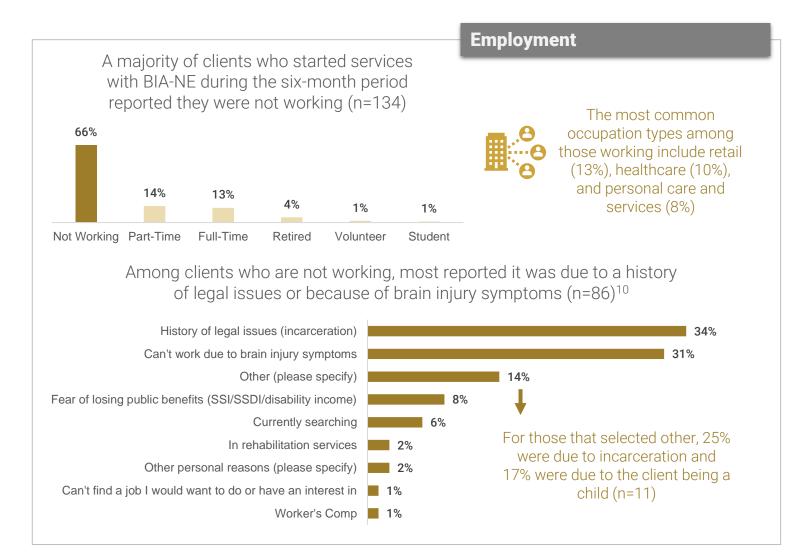
29 years

was the average age of injury (n=303)⁹

⁷ Injury information is included only for clients who started Resource Facilitation services between July and December 2023.

⁸ The following causes were reported less than 1%: Anoxia/Hypoxia (Near Drowning); Assault (Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome); Mechanism Unknown; Medical Interventions (ECT Treatment); Non-Motorized Recreational (Horseback); Non-Motorized Recreational (Skateboard); Stroke (TIA); Toxic Effects (Other); Anoxia/Hypoxia (Opioid Overdose); Gunshot; Medical/Disease (Meningitis); Medical/Disease (MS); Motorized Recreational (Golf Cart); Motorized Recreational (Motorized Boat); Non-Motorized Recreational (Other); and Stroke (CVA).

⁹ Age at time of injury is reported for each injury. Individuals with multiple injuries will have multiple ages at time of injury.





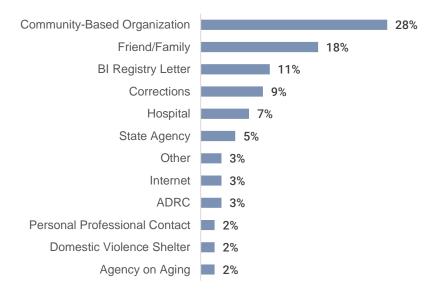
Clients were referred to BIA-NE by

28
organizations

The organization reported most included:

- Families 1st Partnership (12)
- Nebraska VR (7) via the Registry Letter
- Lincoln County Detention Center
- Healthy Blue Nebraska, NE Department of Health and Human Services, University of Nebraska Medical Center Services (3)

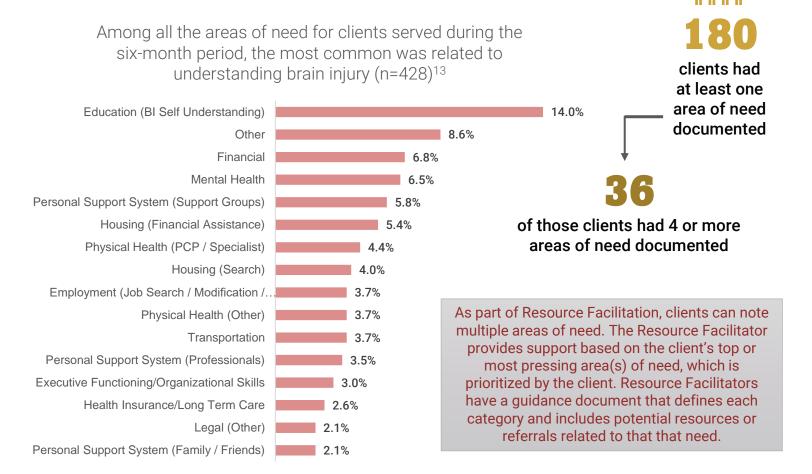
Nearly half (46%) of the inbound referrals documented between July and December 2023 were through community-based organizations or family/friend (n=95)^{11,12}

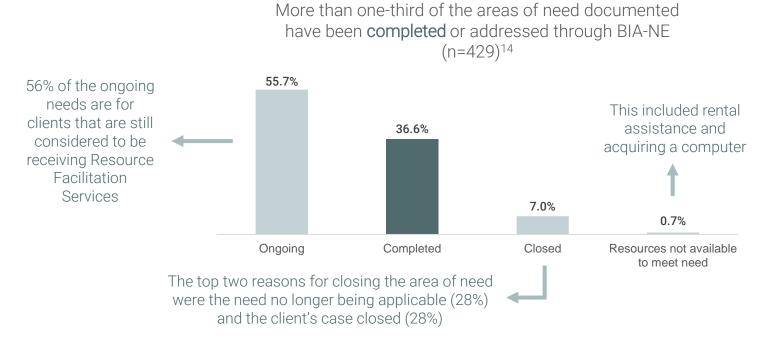


¹⁰ The high percentage of clients being unable to work due to incarceration is likely due to the work two Resource Facilitators are doing with the Lincoln County Jail.

¹¹ Data for this figure is based on the date of the inbound referral and does not reflect all clients served during the six-month reporting period.

¹² The following accounted for 1% of the inbound referrals: Media-TV; Presentation/Event; Primary Care Provider; Unknown; and US-BIA Affiliates.





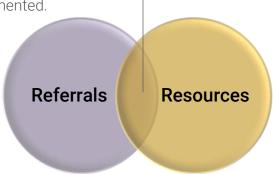
¹³ The following categories were selected 2% or less: Education (Other); Housing (Stability); Substance Use; Behavior; Communication; Housing (Other); Physical Health (Vision); Technology (Acquisition); Home (Repair / Modification / Maintenance); Personal Support System (Peer Mentorship Mentee); Self-Care/Daily Routine; Education (Pre-K -12); Employment (Accommodations); Legal (Family / Guardianship / POA); Education (Higher Education); Food / Nutrition; Home (Other); Legal (Complaints / Appeals); Medication; Rec/Leisure; Employment (Other); Home (Furniture & Housewares); Intimate Partner Violence / Human Trafficking; Personal Support System (Service Animal / Pet); Physical Health (Dental); Technology (Other); and Volunteering.

¹⁴ The total count for the area of need status is higher than the number of needs because one of the needs documented did not have the type listed.

Referrals & Resources¹⁵

Resource Facilitators provide their own expertise based on trainings, skills, and life experiences. This is not documented.

Referrals connect a client to a specific person or organization in which they can receive services or additional support.



These are informative or selfdirected activities that a client can choose to use. Examples include a website link, handout, recorded training, or pamphlet.

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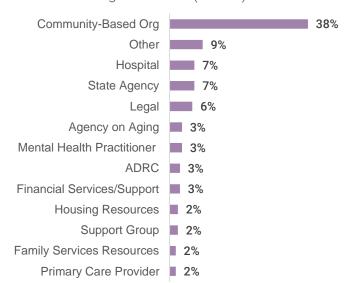
resource shares were documented between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

The most common resources included:

- Resource Facilitation Brochure (48 shares)
- Nebraska Support Group Listing (41 shares)
- BI Comprehensive Symptom Checklist (19 shares)
- What is a Brain Injury? (19 shares)
- A Guide to Working with Individuals with Brain Injury (18 shares)

The average number of referrals and resources provided to a client was relative to the number of needs the client had (n=203 cases) 6.25 4.2 3.8 3.3 2.5 1.3 1 Need 2 (n=58) 3(n=72)4 (n=13) 5 (n=4)6 or more (n=91)Needs (n=11)

The most common referral provided to clients was to community-based organizations (n=176)¹⁶





92

different organizations

The most common organizations that clients were referred to during the year included

- Families 1st Partnership (19 referrals)
- League of Human Dignity (12 referrals)
- Madonna Rehabilitation Lincoln (8 referrals)
- Nebraska DHHS (7 referrals)
- Easterseals (6 referrals)

¹⁵ Data on this page includes referrals provided to clients that started a case between July and December 2023, and any resource shares that were documented during that six-month time period.

¹⁶ The following referrals were provided to one client each: Disability Services; Personal Professional Contact; Personal Supports; School; Veteran's Affairs; Assistive Technology; Cognitive Rehab; Domestic Violence Shelter; Durable Medical Equipment; Elderly Resources; Friend/Family; Other Medical; Other Mental Health; Physical Therapy; Respite; Social Security Disability; and Substance Abuse (Alcohol/Drugs).

Brain Injury Assistance Act Mid-Year Report (July – December 2023)

The Brain Injury Assistance Act – previously know as the Brain Injury Trust Fund Act until 2022 – has seven expenditure priorities:



The Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska (BIA-NE) was awarded the funding during the first year (July 2021 – June 2022), second year (July 2022 – June 2023), and the third year. This report summarizes BIA-NE efforts in each of the seven priority expenditures, primarily focusing on efforts in the first half of the third year (July 2023 – December 2023).





Resource Facilitation

See the Resource Facilitation report for a comprehensive summary of clients served by the BIA-NE through Resource Facilitation



239

unique people were served through resource facilitation¹

More than

487



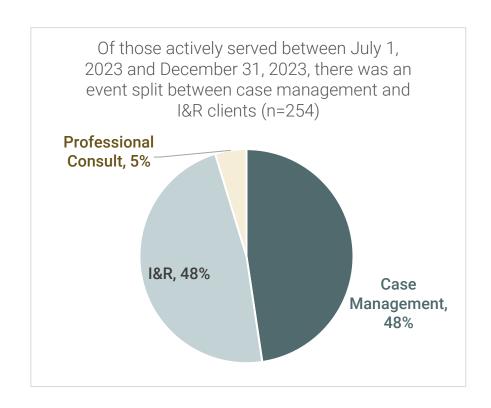
referrals and resources were provided to clients



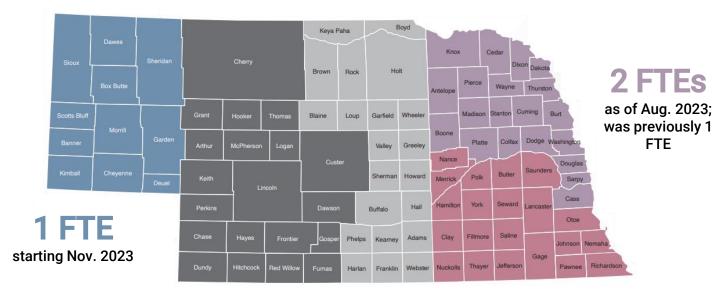
Clients were referred to

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different organizations



Although there were staff vacancies during the six-month period, capacity for Resource Facilitation continued to grow beyond the 1.5 FTE that was in place prior to the Assistance Act funding



1.5 FTE

Staffing consistent since start of Assistance Act funding, though one went from 1 FTE to .5 FTE in Oct. 2023 1 FTE

Staff consistent since Oct. 2022

1 FTE

consistent since start of Assistance Act funding

¹ This includes all clients with an Information & Referral or Case Management case as well as the Professional Consult cases (a person assisted through another agency).

Training for Service Providers

23

Brain Injury 101 trainings were offered to professionals

513

Attendees reached (average of 23 per event)

75

Minutes was the average length of events

105

Evaluations were completed

Common professions reported on the evaluation form included social workers, medical students, and specialists such as shared living or peer support (n=100)

Supervisor of DD Services
Family Resource Navigator SPED Teacher
Recovery Community Navigator Service Area Manager
Shared living specialist
Social Worker
Registered Nurse
Mental health
Licensing Specialist
Parenting Facilitator Peer Support Specialist Retired
Hearing aid attendant

Trainer

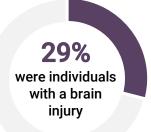
The stats were alarming! This is a very underserved population.



Some of the data made an impression on me as to how much more common it is.



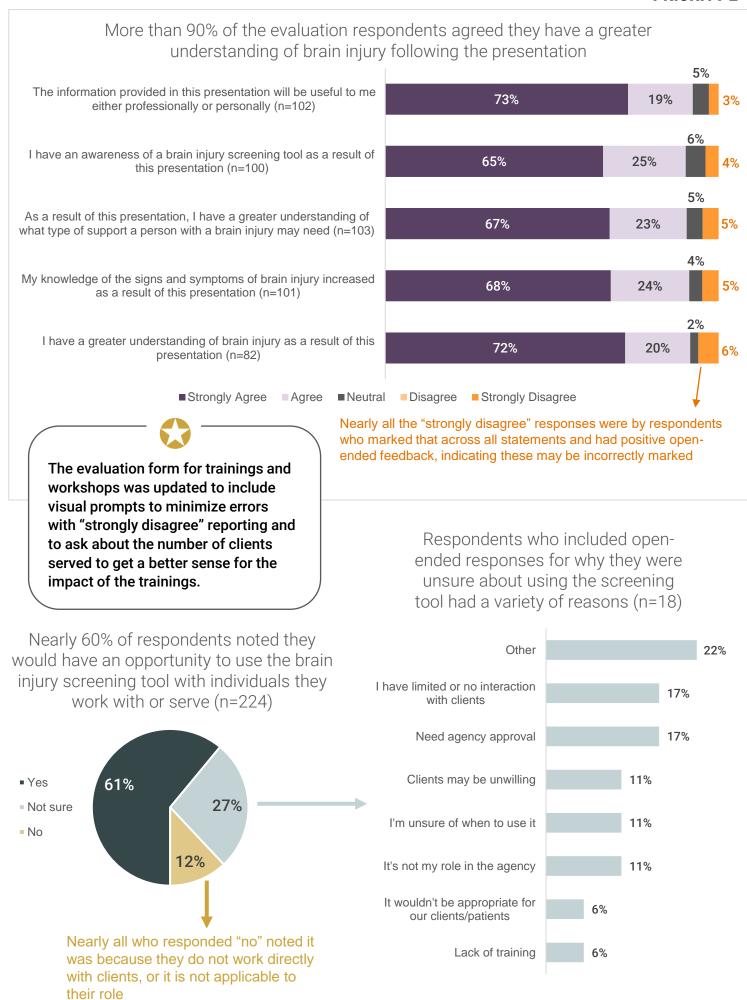
One-third of evaluation respondents reported they were a professional and either an individual with brain injury or family member/caregiver (n=100)²





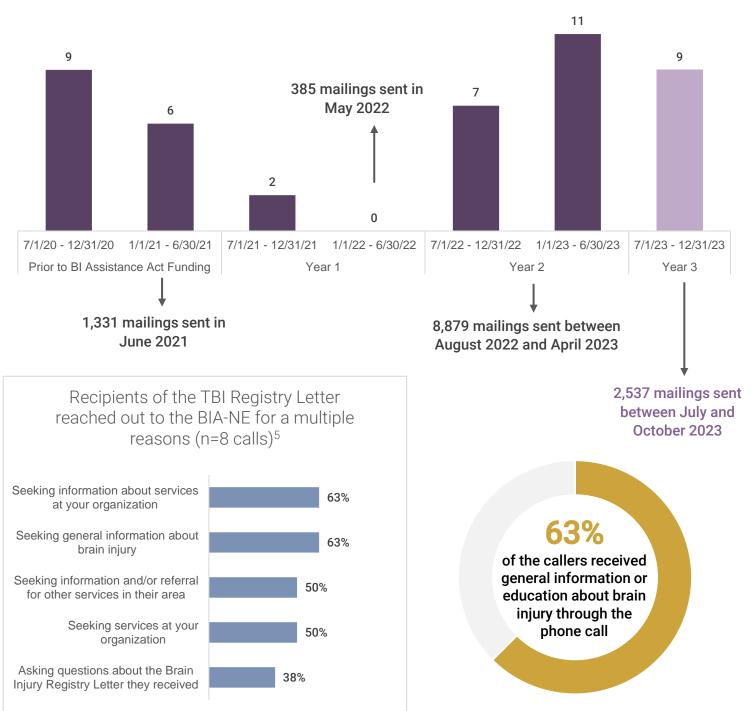






Brain Injury Registry Letter Follow-up³

The number of clients who contact the BIA-NE as a result of the BI Registry Letter seems to depend on when and how many mailings were sent by Nebraska VR (Vocational Rehabilitation)⁴



³ Additional information about the TBI Registry mailing can be found here: https://braininjury.nebraska.gov/resources/braininjury-data-and-statistics

⁴ There are 30 response options for Resource Facilitators to denote regarding how the client heard about BIA-NE. Prior to January 2023, only one response option could be selected. As a result, it is possible that more people prior to January 2023 heard about the BIA-NE through the Registry letter.

⁵ BIA-NE staff record information from callers through a SurveyMonkey form for Nebraska VR. Staff have a prompt within their database to complete the form when they select the BI Registry Letter as a way a client heard about the BIA-NE.

PRIORITY 4 Public Awareness

Other

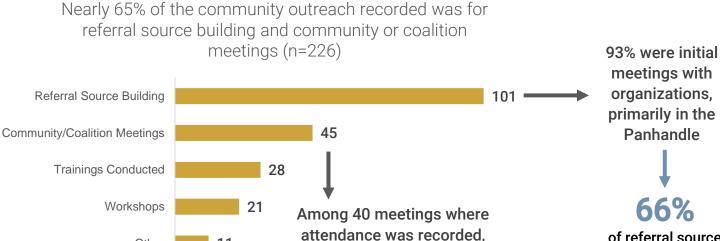
Support Group

Legislative Efforts

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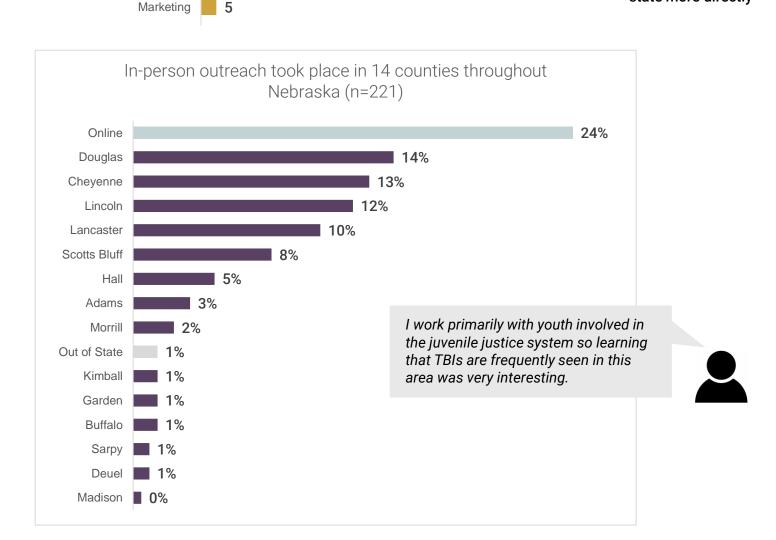
The intent of community outreach for Resource Facilitators is to ensure people in need of services within the community are aware of and can connect to BIA-NE. At some point there will be less focus on referral source building and more on assisting clients.



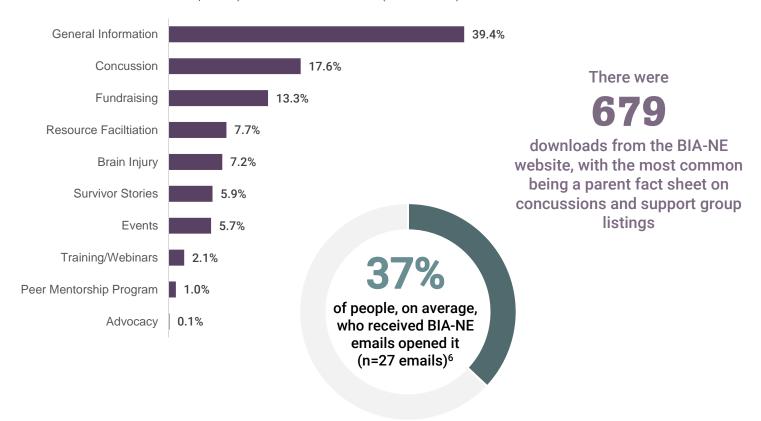
there were 1,494 people in

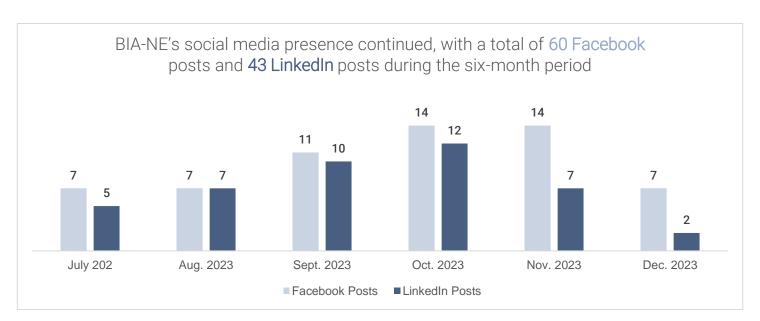
attendance

of referral source building was in the Panhandle, as a new position was created to serve this part of the state more directly



The most common pages viewed on the BIA-NE website were for general information (contact information, overview, reports) and concussions (n=13,527)





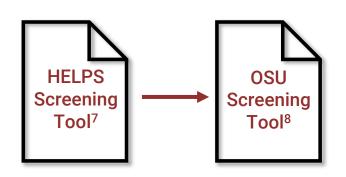
Follower Engagement	Facebook (60 posts)	LinkedIn (43 posts)
Total Reach/Impressions	22,347	3,899
Avg. Reach/Impressions per Post	372	90
Total Likes/Reactions	7,49	43

BIA-NE had an average of 10 Facebook posts per month and 6 LinkedIn posts per month during the six-month timeframe.

⁶ The number of recipients by email varied based on the intended audience. Ten of the emails went to 188 while another 10 went to 5,452. There were also at least six emails that went to 7,516 individuals.

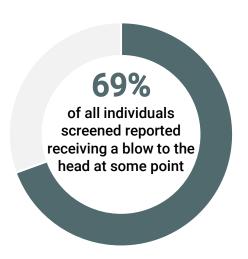
Supporting Research

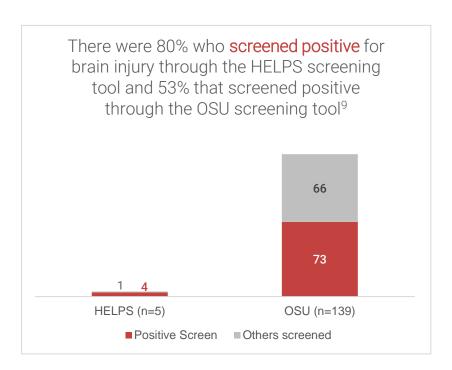
BIA-NA is collaborating with Dr. Kathy Chiou at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Dr. Chiou received IRB-approval to collect screening data, with the goal of studying the outcomes and prevalence rates to publish findings. In 2023, the BIA-NE and Dr. Chiou decided to transition from using the HELPS screening tool to the OSU screening tool.



144 individuals

were screened for brain injury among 6 agencies between July and December 2023





There were 6 agencies that were screening clients for brain injury between July and December 2023

Douglas County Youth Center

Lancaster County Youth Center

Lancaster Diversion Program

Safe Center

Sarpy County Juvenile Diversion

South Central NE Area Agency on Aging

Omaha

Lincoln

Kearney

Kearney

Between Jan. and Aug. 2023, 222 youth were screened:

- 72.5% screened positive.
- The average number of potential injury incidents reported by each youth was 3.65

Between Jan. and Oct. 2023, 59 youth were screened:

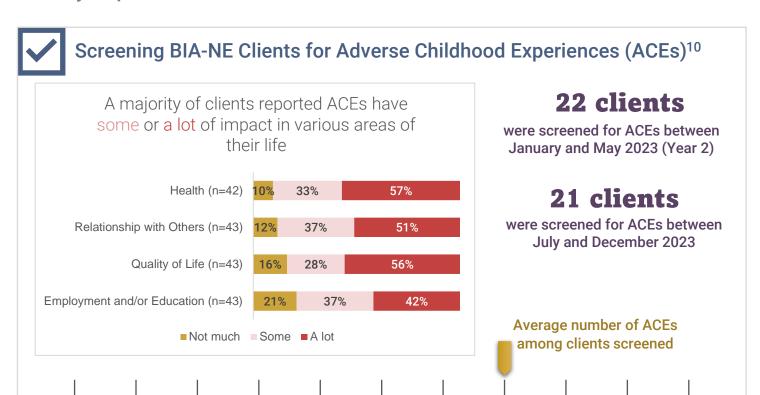
- 86.4% screened positive for some sort of brain injury
- The average number of potential injury incidents reported by each youth was 5

⁷ National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (n.d.). HELPS brain injury screening tool. https://www.nashia.org/resources-list/cdxvc5lcg3g3ycesazm0wfyg9umxye

⁸ BrainLine (n.d.). Ohio State University TBI identification method. https://www.brainline.org/article/ohio-state-university-tbi-identification-method

⁹ The higher percentage of positive screenings through the OSU tool is likely not due to differences in the tool but rather the population that is being screened.

Quality Improvement & Standards of Care



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Brain Injury Screening, Symptom Assessment & Training

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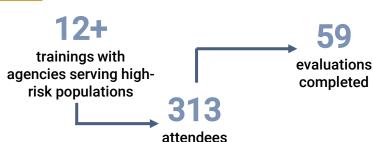
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Agencies go beyond brain injury screenings to also assess symptoms and offer training to staff to better address challenges caused by brain injury





Understanding Brain Injury in High-Risk Populations



The statistics and populations effected by brain injuries was very informational and made me think more in depth about the individuals I work with.

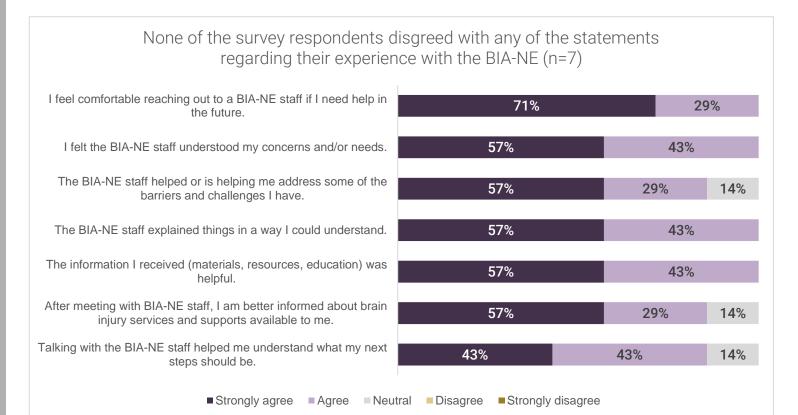
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¹⁰ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (June 2023). Adverse Childhood experiences. https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html



Of those who received a client satisfaction survey January 2024 (n=86), only seven completed it¹¹



The patience and understanding shown me by each person I spoke with. They all genuinely cared about my comfort, confidence, and self-esteem.

100%

of the respondents reported the amount of communication they had with the BIA-NE staff was "about right"



The most common ways survey respondents decided to reach out to BIA-NE was 1) having it be recommended by a medical professional and 2) having an individual with brain injury telling them about the organization

Every time we had contact, I received great information and all of my questions were answered. We never had any non-productive contact.





At least three BIA-NE staff members participate in the Brain Injury Data Workgroup. A focus during this time period was developing the data collection tools that will be used as part of the statewide brain injury needs assessment. In addition to reviewing the tools and providing input, BIA-NE staff identified individuals to pilot the individuals with brain injury survey to ensure it is user-friendly and will adequately evaluate needs.

¹¹ Client satisfaction surveys are sent to clients that have a closed case in the database within the previous six months and have not already received a survey. BIA-NE and PIE are exploring ways to increase the participation in the survey.

BRAIN INJURY ASSISTANCE ACT SPENDING

	YEAR ONE July 2021 - June 2022			YEAR TWO July 2022 - June 2023			YEAR THREE July 2023 - Nov. 2023*			
Total Funding:	\$ 4	450,000.00		\$	450,000.00		\$ 4	450,000.00		
Use of Funding:										
Payroll and Related Expenses	\$	373,079	70%	\$	484,488	74%	\$	291,064	78%	
Accounting and Auditing Fees	\$	4,451	1%	\$	5,645	1%	\$	-	0%	
Consultants	\$	47,107	9%	\$	61,762	9%	\$	27,266	7%	
Advertising & Promotion	\$	23,069	4%	\$	23,447	4%	\$	6,992	2%	
Bank, Credit Card, and Investment Fees	\$	989	0%	\$	640	0%	\$	528	0%	
Software and Website Expenses	\$	24,155	5%	\$	7,757	1%	\$	10,061	3%	
Conferences and Meetings	\$	731	0%	\$	1,976	0%	\$	1,552	0%	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	7,407	1%	\$	6,687	1%	\$	675	0%	
Program Events and Efforts	\$	200	0%	\$	7,045	1%	\$	838	0%	
Insurance	\$	5,346	1%	\$	9,592	1%	\$	3,755	1%	
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$	11,494	2%	\$	4,593	1%	\$	4,965	1%	
Postage, Mailing Service	\$	126	0%	\$	205	0%	\$	54	0%	
Printing & Copying	\$	10,429	2%	\$	2,889	0%	\$	9,604	3%	
Rent and Utilities (Telephone, Internet)	\$	3,163	1%	\$	4,982	1%	\$	1,717	0%	
Travel and Meals	\$	9,009	2%	\$	21,970	3%	\$	11,422	3%	
Professional Development/Training	\$	12,772	2%	\$	13,460	2%	\$	2,463	1%	
Miscellaneous	\$	67	0%	\$	882	0%	\$	288	0%	
Total Use of Funding:	\$	533,594		\$	658,019		\$	373,244		
Underspent (Overspent)	\$	(83,594)		\$	(208,019)					

During the first two years, BIA-NE spent more than \$290,000 cumulatively of its own operating funds to supplement the work funded by the Brain Injury Assistance Act. Although the Brain Injury Assistance Act funds the majority share of the costs incurred under the program, demand for resources and assistance and the resulting costs exceed what the Act funds. To cover the additional costs, BIA-NE utilizes contributions from its donors and Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) funding received under its relationship with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), resulting in BIA-NE funding approximately 25% of the total program costs with its own operational resources.

83%
of the Year 3
Assistance Act funds
have been spent
through December
2023



