

BrainSTEPS
Consultation Team
REFERRAL FORM

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Name of person referring child:

Relationship to child:

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Why are you referring this child to the
BrainSTEPS Team?

LIU 12
BrainSTEPS Team

Leaders

Dr. Darla Ritter, Neurological Support
Mrs. Lesli Staley, Emotional Support/

School Psychologists

Dr. Ronald Deguffroy
Dr. Nicholas Kenien
Mr. Joshua Schmalzer
Mrs. Karen Webster
Mrs. Kimberly Weeks

Speech Therapists

Mrs. Shelly McDonald
Mrs. Diana Sterner
Mr. Michael Thomas

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Mrs. Christine Snellman

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Brain
STEPS



LIU 12 Brain Injury
School Re-Entry
Program



Serving York, Adams, &
Franklin Counties of PA

What is the BrainSTEPS Program?

Each year, over 4,000 of Pennsylvania's children survive traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) significant enough to require hospitalization. Many of these children are left with life-altering difficulties in physical, cognitive, and/or behavioral functioning.

The BrainSTEPS Program is funded jointly through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education via the PaTTAN network and is implemented by the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania.

BrainSTEPS is working to make sure that those who provide educational support to children with brain injury have a good understanding that will help these students achieve optimal educational success.

BrainSTEPS is a "Brain Injury School Re-Entry" model that is being established across Pennsylvania. Brain STEPS Consulting Teams are comprised of professionals from several disciplines who have received extensive training on educating students with TBIs. Team members will act as consultants for the LIU 12 region and are available to provide basic training and resources to colleagues and families of students with TBIs.

**BrainSTEPS**
Strategies Teaching Educators, Parents & Students



What Does the BrainSTEPS Team Provide?

- ◆ Assistance to educators and/or families in planning the process for a successful return to school following a student's brain injury. BrainSTEPS may help with staff training, providing resources, and IEP development.
- ◆ Long term monitoring of student progress
- ◆ A bridge from hospital and/or rehabilitation centers to the student's local school program.

What Is Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)?

Traumatic Brain Injury as defined by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) is:

"An acquired brain injury caused by an external physical force, resulting in a functional disability that adversely affects a child's educational performance."

How are Referrals Made to the LIU 12 BrainSTEPS Team?

The LIU 12 BrainSTEPS Team will accept referrals from school districts, agencies, parents, physicians, early intervention service providers, or other service providers within the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 area, serving York, Adams, and Franklin Counties in Pennsylvania.

A referral can be made by completing the referral form and returning it to:

The BrainSTEPS Consulting Team
c/o Dr. Darla Riter
Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12
65 Billerbeck Street
P. O. Box 70
New Oxford, Pennsylvania 17350

Or Calling:
Mrs. Joyce Racey, Referral Coordinator
Email: jlracey@iu12.org
Phone: (717) 624-6470
Fax: (717) 624-6519

For Additional Information:
Website: www.brainsteps.net
or contact
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