



VANCOUVER
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Re: Vancouver Brain Injury Association Services Offered as of November 1, 2017

Vancouver Brain Injury Association has been an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Offering services consistently and professionally as a reliable nonprofit and as a charity requires some permanent staff. **Vancouver BIA services offered are briefly outlined below.**

Vancouver BIA founded and supports the **North Vancouver Brain Injury Support Group**, the **West Vancouver Persian Brain Injury Support Group**, and **Brain Gain Fridays**. Brain Gain Fridays is a brain injury rehab group that includes Neuroplasticity beneficial exercise, music therapy, art therapy, guest speakers and an opportunity to socialize with people recovering from acquired brain injury.

This year Vancouver BIA's headline project is **Brain Waves**. Brain Waves goes into school classrooms and teaches children in grade 4, grade 5, and grade 6 about neuroscience and brain injury prevention. **Brain Waves is an interactive, enjoyable experience that saves children's lives.**

Vancouver BIA provides social outreach services and individual advocacy for people with brain injuries.

Vancouver BIA provides case management and cooperates with other social agencies in providing brain injury services to their clients.

Vancouver BIA provides patient's advocacy. An advocate will go with a client to medical appointments to provide support and enhance communication with the medical professional. Vancouver BIA patient's advocates also participate in medical multidisciplinary committees on behalf of a patient.

Vancouver BIA is the only organization in BC providing WorkSafe BC **Workers Claims Advocacy for people with brain injuries**. Vancouver BIA has been able to contribute to obtaining lifelong security for people who had been wrongfully deprived of their due benefits from WCB.

In British Columbia, brain injury kills or disables more young people than all other causes combined.

Brain injury receives **less than .025 percent** – that is **1/400th of its share** of public donations compared to other worthy health-related causes. British Columbia provides less than 5% of the funding for brain injury community organizations compared to other provinces.

Vancouver Brain Injury Association needs your support. Please **Join** Vancouver BIA, become a Vancouver BIA **Volunteer**, or **Donate** to Vancouver BIA at <https://vancouverbia.org/get-involved/>.

Sincerely,


Richard Wagar,
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