

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY

Monday, November 17, 2025

You're Important to this Advocacy Day!

10:00AM: Arrive at Main Rotunda
vendor tables, take literature, conversations

10:15AM: Group picture

10:30-11:30AM: Briefing Starts promptly
Main Rotunda

11:40AM-12:50PM: Legislative Meetings
(Attendees please schedule your own)

1:00PM-2:00PM: Reception
Senate Room 8E-B

2:00PM-3:00PM: Survivors of brain injury
share their experiences
Senate Room 8E-B

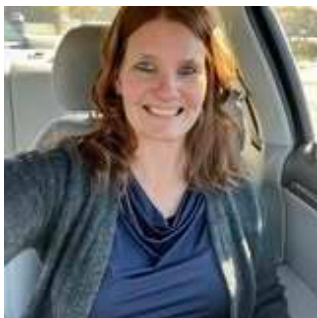
*Brain Injury is called the "invisible injury"
because you can't see an injured brain.*

Pennsylvania State Capitol

Meet at the Main Rotunda

Why This Day Matters

In the state of Pennsylvania; people living with brain injury related disabilities is 543,288. Not one brain injury is alike. This day is dedicated to advocacy for survivors, caregivers and professionals. We'll be discussing key brain injury legislation with the hope of moving these bills forward into law.



**Melissa Carmen, Forefront of
Brain Injury Awareness Day and
member of Brain Injury Coalition**

Melissa, Lancaster County, PA will share her 32-year post-brain injury journey of recovery, including how she used mindfulness to retrain her eyesight to overcome nearsightedness, and diplopia (double vision) to no longer need glasses.



**Bill Houck, Severe Traumatic Brain
Injury Survivor. Susan, Bill's Mother
and caretaker**

Bill, Montgomery County, PA will speak on his devastating car accident, spent 30 days in a coma, and underwent brain surgery. Bill and Susan; will share there story of resilience and the challenges of navigating insurance and recovery.



**Kelli Gates, Mild Traumatic
Brain Injury Survivor
(Concussion)**

Kelli, Montgomery County, PA will speak about her journey following a traumatic fall, the lack of resources, and how perseverance helped her become a strong advocate and extraordinary women.