

# COMMUNITY PARTNER TRAINING

## UNDERSTANDING BRAIN INJURY



**NDBIN**

North Dakota Brain  
Injury Network

**Thursday, June 5, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Southwest District Health Unit**  
**Dickinson, North Dakota**

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### Introduction to Brain Injury

This course offers learners a chance to develop an understanding of the definitions related to traumatic brain injury (TBI) and the challenges that individuals experiencing a brain injury face. Anyone from the general public to advance providers will benefit from this training.

1. Explain how to interact effectively with all people with a TBI.
2. List how you can recognize issues that may arise due to a TBI and strategies to handle them in the most appropriate manner.
3. Demonstrate how to administer and score a TBI screening tool.
4. Determine when to make a referral for further assessment.

### Cognitive and Emotional Consequences of Brain Injury

This course provides learners with an understanding of what happens to adults cognitively and behaviorally after they experience a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and gives recommendations for working with individuals of brain injury.

Describe the types and severity of injury to know what should be expected in terms of patient functioning.

1. Assess premorbid characteristics and rule-out other sources of patient dysfunction.
2. Explain the cognitive strategies to utilize with patients; prepare for deficits in attention, memory, processing speed and executive functioning. Also be able to set up behavioral plans to compensate for cognitive deficits.
3. Determine what psychological tools to use with adults with TBI; evaluate for mood disorders common after TBI, assess family functioning and patient support, treat mood disorders.

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