

## **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FY17**

1. **Outreach and Family Support:** The BIAV facilitates support groups in central Virginia and provides training, technical assistances and support to more than 20 brain injury support groups around the state, serving more than 1,500 people. The organization is a valued member of collaborative relationships among a diverse network of public and private stakeholders that serve, or could serve, people with brain injury, including hospitals, community based human service programs, and state agencies.
2. **Education and Training:** Through their Information and Referral Helpline, the BIAV provides free confidential services to anyone who needs help finding information on brain injury, advice on where to seek professional help, or someone to listen. Annually, the agency conducts numerous educational events across the state for a wide variety of audiences – persons with brain injury, caregivers, school children, educators, domestic violence counselors, vocational counselors, health care professionals, and others.
3. **Public Awareness and Prevention:** The BIAV regularly participates in health fairs and other public awareness events, including human interest stories in newspapers and other publications. They have conducted PSA campaigns related to the prevention and management of sports concussions and falls, as well as general brain injury awareness.
4. **Advocacy:** As an advocate leader in Virginia, the BIAV staff provide assistance to help persons with brain injury and family caregivers protect their financial and legal rights, as well as secure mental health, medical, educational, vocational, transportation, housing, and recreational services. In 2009, the BIAV played an integral role in the passage of a Sports Concussion bill for Virginia student athletes, and has since been able to improve the law to support successful classroom re-entry for any student who has sustained a concussion.
5. **Camp Bruce McCoy:** This nationally recognized program provides recreation and socialization opportunities for adult survivors of brain injury and respite for their caregivers; 2017 will mark its 35<sup>th</sup> year. It is the longest running and most successful camp program for persons with brain injury in the United States. The program also provides outstanding educational opportunities and life experiences to college students pursuing careers in health care, social services and education.