

How to make a REFERRAL

ONLINE

Complete online at [www.brainsteps.net](http://www.brainsteps.net).  
Select PA, then select Student Referral.

OR

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Referring Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mission Statement

The Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 BrainSTEPS Consultation Team is committed to the successful re-entry of students in Schuylkill County schools who have experienced mild to severe brain injury. Our goal as consultants is to maximize positive outcomes for our students by providing a bridge between the medical and educational communities.

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Annually in Pennsylvania, approximately 22,000 children and adolescents ages 0-21 years sustain concussion . Many of these children are left with life-altering difficulties in physical, cognitive, or behavioral functioning.

The Schuylkill IU 29 BrainSTEPS Team is trained by the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania through Title V Grant from the PA Department of Health, and the PA Department of Education. The Child & Adolescent Brain Injury School Re-Entry Program is called “BrainSTEPS.”

**Strategies**  
**Teaching**  
**Educators**  
**Parents**  
**Students**

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

BrainSTEPS is a “Brain Injury School Re-Entry” model that has been established across Pennsylvania. BrainSTEPS Consulting Teams are comprised of individuals from varying backgrounds who have received extensive training on educating students with a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Team members act as consultants for the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit region and are available to provide basic training and resources to colleagues and families of students with TBI.

## WHAT DOES THE BRAINSTEPS TEAM PROVIDE?

### **Coordinated training and consultation regarding:**

- Identification
- School re-entry planning
- IEP development
- Intervention options
- Long-term monitoring of progress
- Linkages with other professionals, agencies
- Family support options
- Consistent and familiar contacts for hospital and rehabilitation personnel working to successfully transition children back into schools.



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## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

### **BRAIN INJURY MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF A TRAUMATIC EVENT:**

- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Concussions
- Falls
- Tumors
- Strokes
- Encephalitis
- Meningitis
- Seizure activity

Brain injury ranges from mild, moderate, to severe and individual symptoms may vary. These symptoms can occur immediately or become evident over time.

There are also educational implications as a result of a brain injury, which may have occurred recently or in the past.

### **DIFFICULTY MAY APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING:**

- Memory
- Attention
- Organization of information
- Problem solving
- Motor skills
- Social interactions
- Frustration tolerance
- Impulsivity
- Decreased safety awareness
- Mood swings