

April 16, 2018

Ray Ciancaglini  
The Second Impact Concussion Awareness Program  
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Dear Mr. Ciancaglini,

In recent years, there has been increased awareness of concussion, particularly in youth. To address this issue, the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) introduced a five-year Concussion Initiative in 2017. The Initiative aims to review concussion across different populations, providing resources, best practices, and recommendations for improving care across the continuum, from diagnosis to return-to-life. We are currently on the second year of our project, focused on students with concussion. In past years, BIANYS brought together experts in the fields of concussion treatment, educational systems, brain injury support services, and parent/student advocates to discuss this important issue at roundtable programs. As we move beyond five years under the NYS Concussion Management and Awareness Act, we are again hosting roundtables to foster collaboration as we seek new and innovative ways to improve access to concussion supports and services.

You are invited to share your expertise and knowledge at a roundtable session on concussion management on **Tuesday, May 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at St. Mary's Hospital, 89 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611, in the East and West Side Auditorium.**

The goals of the roundtable are:

- To discuss and develop a consensus regarding return to learn protocols
- To discuss best practices for concussion treatment services
- To collaborate on improving connections to care and support across systems
- To discuss the Concussion Management and Awareness Act of 2011
- To provide a forum for open dialogue, exchange of ideas, and consensus building

Your participation would add greatly to the discussion about best practices in concussion and how to collaborate across systems to ensure that students with brain injury receive the support they need. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Please contact BIANYS for additional information or with any questions you might have.

This invitation is non-transferrable and RSVP is required, as space is limited. **Please call Victoria Clingan at 518-459-7911 or email [VClingan@bianys.org](mailto:VClingan@bianys.org) by April 24 to confirm your participation.**

Thank you,

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