

Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) Acronyms - August 2023

AAA – Area Agency on Aging

ABI - Acquired Brain Injury

ACL – Administration for Community Living

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act. Civil rights act for persons with disabilities.

ADRC – Aging and Disability Resource Center

ARC - Non-profit organization promotes and protects the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

ATP - Assistive Technology Partnership. A state agency that helps Nebraskan's with disabilities, their families and professionals obtain assistive technology devices and services.

BI – Brain Injury

BIA or BIA-NE – Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska

BIAC – Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council

CAP - Client Assistance Program. An advocacy program for clients pursuing VR services.

CIL – Center for Independent Living. Organizations that support disabled people in their efforts toward independence.

CSAVR – Council of State Administrators for Vocational Rehabilitation.

DD – Developmental Disabilities

DD Council – Developmental Disabilities Council

DHHS- Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services - Nebraska state agency offering assistance with Medicaid, vaccinations, medical licensing, disability support, and child protection.

DVR – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

DRN – Disability Rights Nebraska

FY – Fiscal year. Nebraska state year is July 1 - June 30. The federal year is October 1 - September 30. The current TBI grant cycle is August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2026.

HHS – Health and Human Services. Nebraska state agency offering assistance with Medicaid, vaccinations, medical licensing, disability support, and child protection.

HOTLINE – Hotline for Disability Services. Statewide information and referral for persons with disabilities.

IRB – Institutional Review Board

MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

NASHIA – National Association of State Head Injury Administrators – Brain injury policy, program, and service resources assisting state government in promoting partnership and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families.

NCBVI – Nebraska Commission for Blind and Visually Impaired. Agency that provides vocational rehabilitation services to visually impaired individuals.

NIBN – The Nebraska Injured Brain Network

NIDILRR– National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. A federal funding agency that provides leadership and support for research related to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

NYLC – Nebraska Youth Leadership Council. Statewide council of young people with disabilities between the ages of 14-21.

P & A – Protection & advocacy.

PCP - Person–Centered Planning

PILS – Panhandle Independent Living Services.

QLI – Quality Living Inc.

SEAC– Special Education Advisory Council.

SILC – State Independent Living Council. State Council that promotes Independent Living and facilitates systemic change that promotes independence, inclusion, non-discrimination, and dignity for all people with disabilities.

SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound

SPED – Special Education

SRC - State Rehabilitation Council – A statewide advisory council for the Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation agency.

TARC - TBI Technical Assistance and Resource Center for TBI Grantee States.

TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury

UNMC – University of Nebraska Medical Center

VA – Veterans Administration. Federal agency that administers services to veterans.

VR or Nebraska VR – Vocational Rehabilitation. Sometimes referred to as Voc. Rehab. Agency

WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The overall act that contains the Rehabilitation Act.