

Regional Community Brain Injury Services

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Regional Community Brain Injury Services provides rehabilitation and support services for adults who have acquired brain injuries.

We focus on supporting people in the community who have survived moderate to severe acquired brain injury. Community rehabilitation counsellors, with the advice and support of a psychologist, provide life skills and supported living services. We offer a regional service with offices in Kingston, Brockville and Belleville.

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Adults (18 – 64 for acquired injuries; no age ceiling for traumatic injuries) who:

- Are a resident in our six-county region of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville;
- Live in the community or with the potential to do so;
- Have a documented history of acquired brain injury;

For our purposes, and as a general rule, acquired brain injury includes injury to the brain caused by:

- ❖ *trauma (motor vehicle crash, assault, falls, etc.)*
- ❖ *anoxia*
- ❖ *infection*
- ❖ *tumour*
- ❖ *aneurysm*
- ❖ *stroke (as with all referrals eligibility for service depends on client's needs/goals and significant cognitive changes)*

Acquired brain injury does not include:

- ❖ *disorders present since birth*
 - ❖ *dementia*
 - ❖ *other progressive neurological disorders (MS, Parkinson's Disease, etc.)*
- Are medically and neurologically stable;
 - Have personal goals for increased independence in daily living and/or increased participation in the community;
 - Have potential for increased independence in daily living and increased participation in community;
 - Are already receiving, have been, or are willing to be referred for other appropriate services, if there are identified psychiatric or substance abuse problems;
 - Are likely to benefit from our specialized services.