



**BRAIN INJURY
ASSOCIATION**

O F V I R G I N I A

Mission and Vision

Mission:

We advance education, awareness, support, treatment, and research to improve the quality of life for all people affected by brain injury

Our Impact in FY 2024

- Expanded awareness with **8,400** followers on social media and **580** participants at our events
- Connected more than **9,600** Virginians hospitalized because of a brain injury by sending them informational letters about how BIAV can help
- Provided Information and Referral services to over **1,036** people
- Conducted **215** caregivers trained
- Engaged **60** campers attended Camp Bruce McCoy

BIAV/VA Department of Health Partnership

Created to develop and strengthen partnerships between brain injury case management programs and domestic violence programs. We can educate brain injury and domestic violence programs about the link between each condition and encourage and support domestic violence programs to screen assaulted clients for brain injury.

- Created **15** partnerships
- Trained **193** staff across these organizations
- Trained **6** brain injury programs on how to screen for intimate partner violence
- Conducted **60** technical assistance meetings between partners
- Screened over **992** survivors of domestic violence for brain injury

Brain Injury Prevalence in VA in 2024

- At least **340,000** disabled from brain injury
- Nearly **4%** of the population diagnosed with BI disability
- TBI contributes to about **30%** of injury related deaths across the country

Sources:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/traumatic-brain-injury/data-research/index.html>
- <https://www.coopercenter.org/virginia-population-estimates>; downloaded 2.25.25
- Does not include those disabled as a result of hypoxic injuries that can result from strangulation, heart attack, or drug overdose; nor does it include things like tumors or infectious disease that affects the brain (i.e., meningitis).

Brain Injury and Veterans

- Est. **685,000** veterans living in VA
- More than **185,000** Veterans who use VA for their health care have been diagnosed with at least one TBI
- Veteran population is source of targeted learning – repeated blast exposure (RBE), fighter pilot brain injury symptoms

Sources:

- https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp
- <https://www.research.va.gov/topics/tbi.cfm>
- <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9529318/>
- <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-probes-topgun-over-reports-of-physical-mental-harm-to-naval-aviators/>

The Continuum of Community



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES



CANTOR GRANA
BUCKNER BUCCI
THE VIRGINIA TRIAL FIRM



Sheltering Arms Institute

A collaboration with
VCUHealth



VIRGINIA ALLIANCE OF
BRAIN INJURY SERVICE PROVIDERS



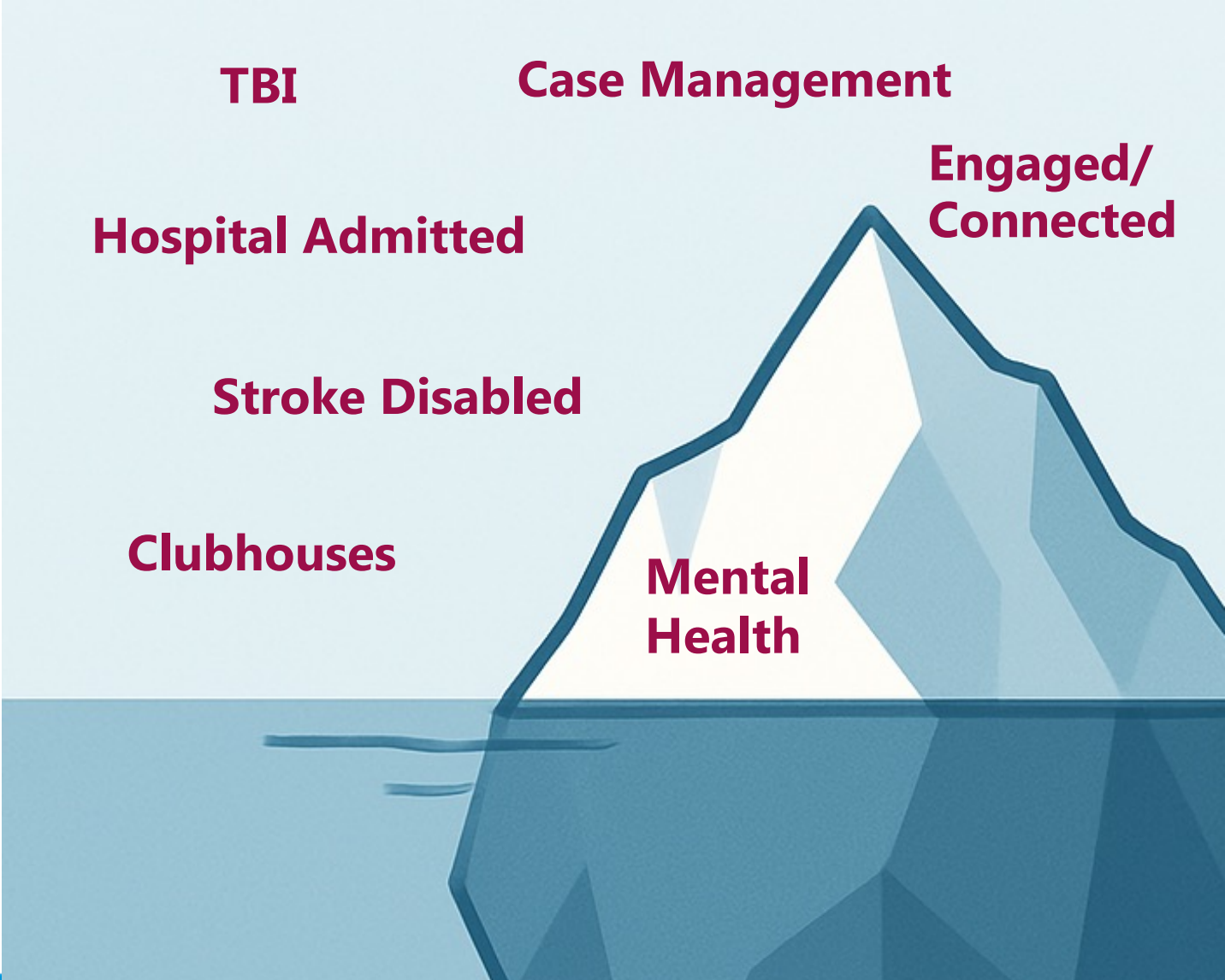
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- **Survivor Community**
- **Academic Researchers**
- **Virginia Brain Injury Council**
- **Legislators, staff, lobbyists**
- **Care Givers**
- **Healthcare Providers**
- **First Responders**
- **Mental Health Providers**
- **Educators**
- **Medical Technology Providers**
- **Coaches**
- **Curious Case Workers from other service areas**

Where We Are

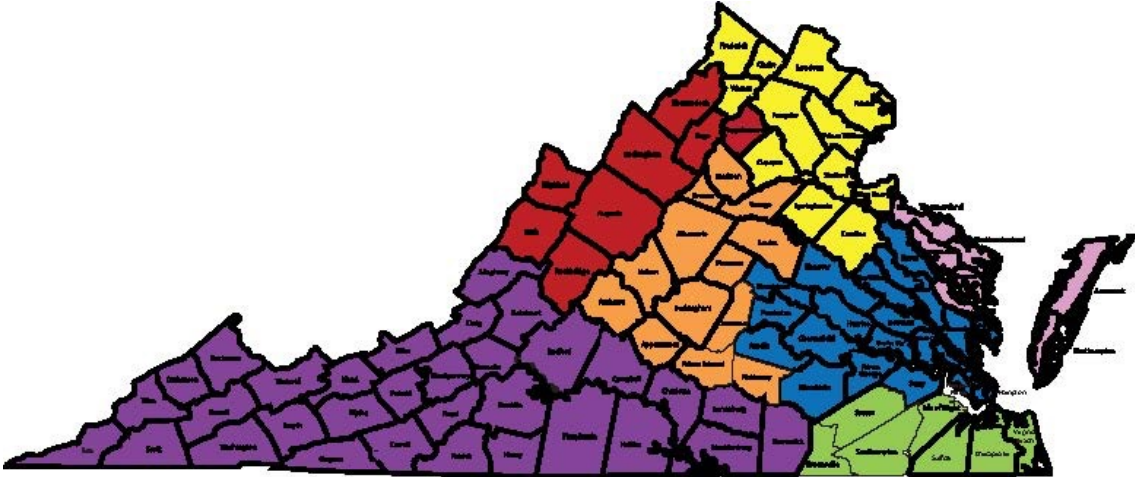
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Tremendous Legacy/Accomplishment



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2024/2025

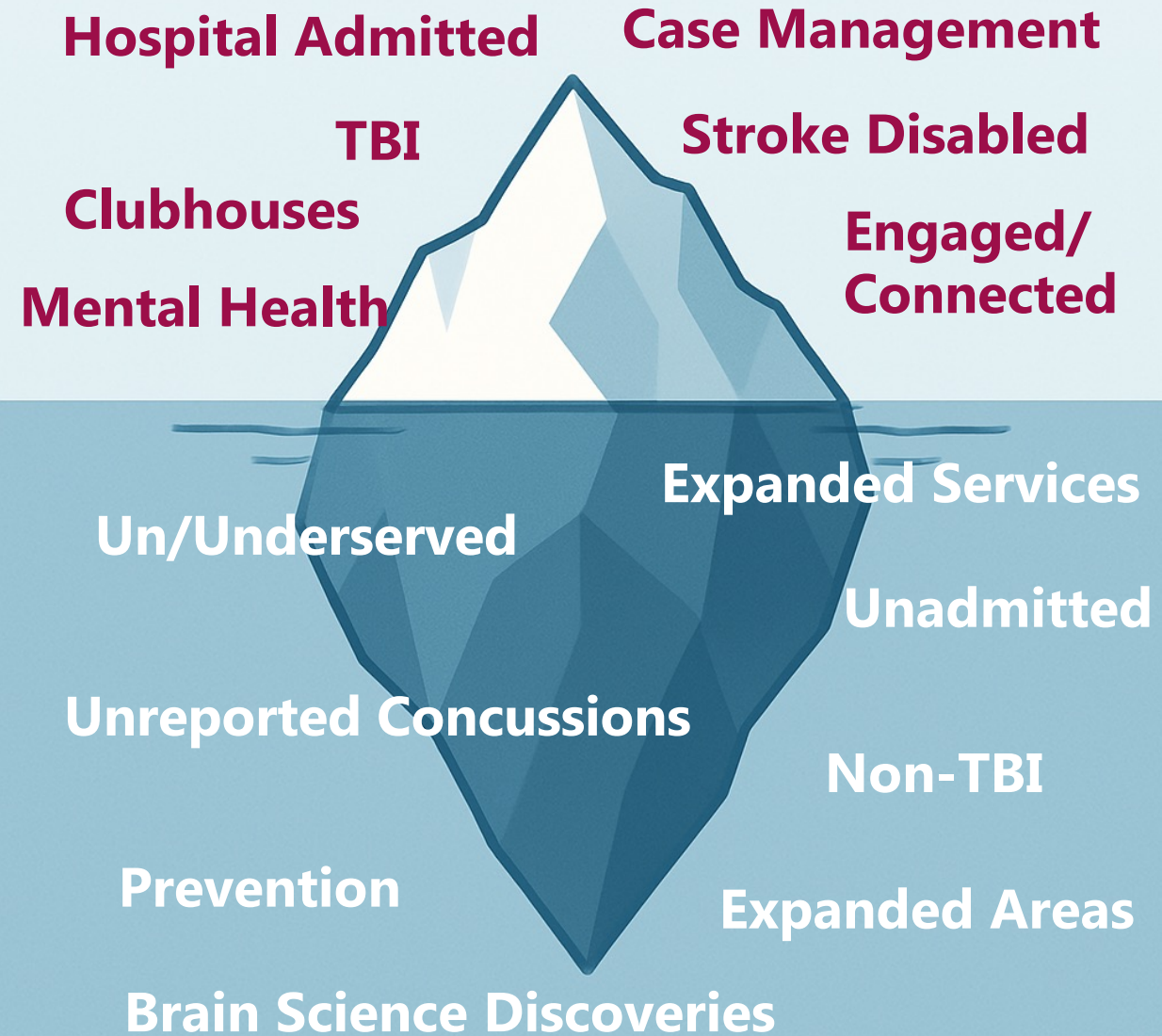
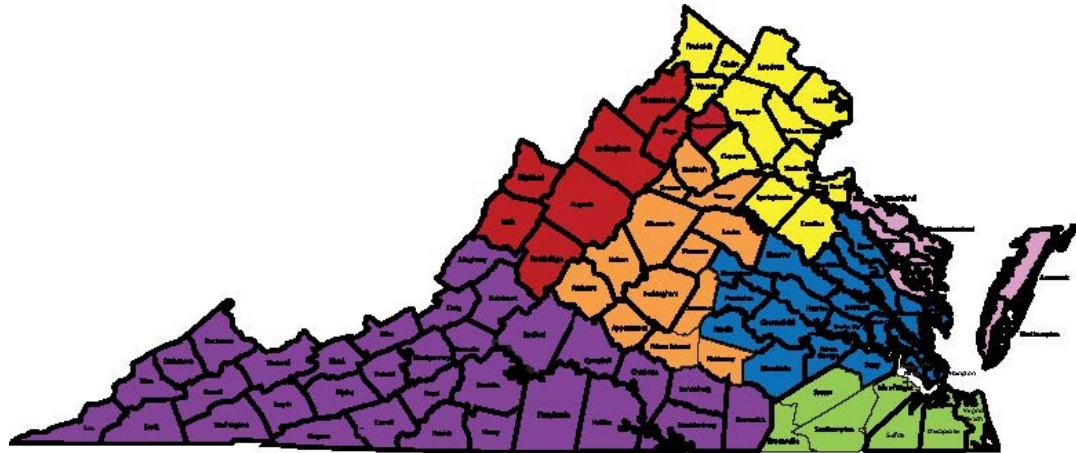


Momentum and a Challenge



The Road Ahead

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Resourcing

2025 General Assembly Session

- \$600,000 bipartisan budget amendment passed for workforce retention
- \$750,000 bipartisan budget amendment passed for strengthen/expansion
- Governor removed strengthen/expansion, halved workforce retention
- GA Reconvened and rejected Governor's suggestions
- **What's next???**

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