## What is BrainSTEPS?

Each year, over 4,000 of Pennsylvania's children survive traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) significant enough to require hospitalization. Many of these children are left with life-altering difficulties in physical, cognitive, and/or behavioral functioning.

BrainSTEPS, a Statewide program available to all preschool and school-age students, is funded jointly through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education via the PaTTAN network and is implemented by the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania.

BrainSTEPS is working to make sure that those who provide educational support to children with brain injury have a good understanding of the unique needs each student may experience and then help develop supports so these students may 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 professionals from several disciplines who have received extensive training within their field as well as specific education for assisting students with TBIs. Team members act as consultants for the LIU 12 region and are available to provide training and resources to colleagues and families of students with TBIs.

For more information on this Statewide initiative, please click the link below:

BrainSTEPS: Concussion and acquired brain injury support for Pennsylvania schools