

## Making the Road to Recovery a Little Smoother

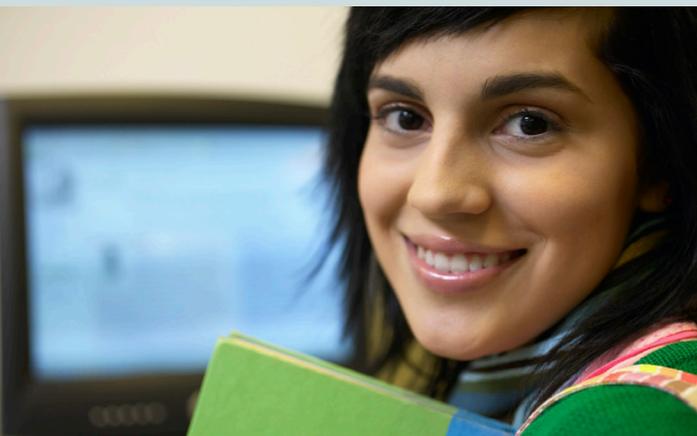
Families face a number of challenges when a child is recovering from a traumatic brain injury (TBI). One of the hurdles along the way is the transition from hospital or home care back into school.

The Kent ISD Traumatic Brain Injury Transition Team is here to help during this particular challenge. We provide resources and support to students and their families, as well as to teachers and other school staff to make this time as easy as possible.

### *Getting Connected*

Connecting to the Transition Team is simple. In fact, families don't have to do a thing. When a child is in need of services a medical referral is sent to Kent ISD who coordinates the team. We make the necessary contacts within the child's school and connect the student and their family with the appropriate team members.

If you have any questions about the Transition Team, please contact us at 616.365.2299.



## What is traumatic brain injury?

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is an injury to the brain caused by an external force. It can be caused by a blow to the head or body, or from an object penetrating the skull. A TBI may be caused by a vehicle accident, a fall, a sports injury, or other physical impact. Mild TBI may cause temporary issues while more serious TBI can result in long-term complications.

## Our Service Area

The Traumatic Brain Injury Transition Team serves students in schools throughout Kent ISD.

Visit our website for more information including school specific liaisons and staff.

Find us under Special Education Services on  
[www.kentisd.org](http://www.kentisd.org)

Or call us at  
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# Traumatic Brain Injury Transition Team

## Supporting students in the transition back to school





## Meeting Student Needs From Both Sides

Our services allow us to meet the needs of each individual student by providing support both to students and their families, as well as to educators. We help make sure everyone is on the same page and talking to each other by:

- Gathering medical information from a child's doctor and providing it to the appropriate school staff
- Providing specialized professional development, information and materials to make sure the people in direct contact with the student are up to date on current treatments
- Helping to coordinate services and classroom accommodations for each student as needed

- Making sure there is open communication between families and school staff
- Consulting with teachers and other school staff to make sure the appropriate services are in place for each student
- Helping families and educators monitor student progress and recovery
- Connecting families to support groups and health and human service organizations most convenient for them

## Our Experts are Here to Help

With so many factors at play as a child enters back into school, it really does take a team to make the move successfully. Every member of our Transition Team is an expert in their field. They specialize in helping students rejoin their classmates at school.

Our team members include:

- Teacher
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Teacher Consultant
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- Occupation Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Nurse
- Special Education Director

