

BIANC CHARTER SUPPORT GROUP APPLICATION

Current Group Name:	BIANC Charter Group Name:
Example: Statewide Online Support Group	Example: Statewide Online Support Group A Brain Injury Association of NC Charter Support Group
QUESTIONS	COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO
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Purpose Of a Charter Support Group	
<p><i>To ensure cohesive support groups across the State with assistance and guidance from the Brain Injury Association to meet the vision and mission goals as stated below:</i></p> <p>Vision: BIANC strives to create a better future for all North Carolinians living with brain injury through prevention, support, education, and advocacy programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The staff and volunteers of the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (BIANC) are here to serve you.• We want to help you find resources and link you with services in your area to meet your needs.• Our staff and volunteers want to talk to you and answer your emails or inquiries. <p>Mission: to offer help, hope, and a voice for persons living with brain injury and their families.</p>	
Charter Group Responsibility:	
To provide opportunities for connection, new friendships, and mutually supportive discussions. The intention of these groups is for people touched by brain injury to share and learn from each other. It is important to remember and relay to all members that a support group is meant to create a supportive environment; they are not therapy groups and cannot substitute for professional help when a member may confront a personal life crisis and need special assistance.	

Description:

Example: What type of group are you – support for caregiver, family, survivor, social etc.

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These are the commitments and agreements made within the support group to ensure your goal is achieved:

- *Listen and respect all contributors*
- *Be open to all ideas*
- *Trust each other*
- *Come prepared*
- *Timely communications*
- *Email communications rules: remove emotional accusatory language, don't take things personally*
- *Don't throw rocks*
- *Ask for Assistance!*

Submitted by:

Support Group Leader _____

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Date: _____

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