



## Shaping the Future of Brain Injury Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council

July 29, 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the TBI Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-166). The law created a state grant program to improve access to health and other services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI). [Read more](#)

During July, Nebraska VR and the Brain Injury Advisory Council will celebrate the TBI Act's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by spotlighting state TBI grant activities and Council members helping to "shape the future" of brain injury. To receive these notices and future updates, join the [Council's mailing list](#).

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### COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT #2



Ml Lehman's daughter  
Moe and her fiancé'

ML Lehman has 20 years experience with brain injury. When her daughter Moe experienced a brain injury in an automobile accident at the age of 14, the symptoms went undiagnosed for two years. Today ML recognizes the importance of early diagnosis and finding appropriate resources.

ML, a Behavioral Consultant for ESU 16 in North Platte, has become an expert on brain injury. Being a member of the Brain Injury Advisory Council connected her to training opportunities, other professionals in the field, and service providers. She has also been able to provide input on legislation and policies guiding the future of brain injury in Nebraska.

ML works with students, families, and educators in rural schools to help identify the hidden symptoms of brain injury and explore what the next steps are for students to be successful in the classroom. ML is a member of the BIRSST (Brain Injury Regional School Support Teams). Team members attend training and are a vehicle for connecting to the community.

ML says, "I continue to encounter opportunities to advocate for parents. I have not lost my passion to share my personal and professional experience."

ML is a resource for the [Concussion Awareness Act](#) designed to educate coaches, parents, and athletes; outlines a removal from play if a concussion is reasonably suspected; and requires schools to design a return to learn protocol.

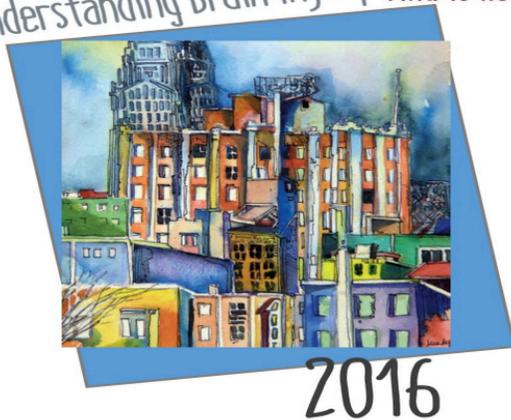
The Council has supported [training modules](#) that are a guide for best practices in concussion recognition and management to ensure that every child sustaining a concussion in Nebraska is managed according to current best practices.

Thank you ML for helping shape the future of brain injury in Nebraska!

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[The Annual State of the States Head Injury Meeting](#) is scheduled for September 12-15, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio.

Understanding Brain Injury: [find it here.](#)



The conference offers plenary and workshop sessions on a variety of topics covering emerging federal and state issues and promising practices on service delivery, as well as opportunities for information sharing among participants.