



# School Psychology

## Professional Practice Brief

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

### TOPIC: Traumatic Brain Injury

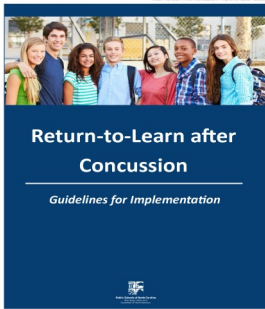
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#### NC DPI Concussion Information and Resources:

There is a growing field of research demonstrating that individuals who sustain a concussion or mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) lack adequate levels of follow-up care. According to a recent study published in *JAMA Network Open*, among 831 patients treated in hospital emergency departments for concussion, or mild traumatic brain injury (TBI), only 44 percent saw a physician or other medical provider within three months. This article also references that *approximately half of the patients were discharged without a handout explaining symptoms and red flags requiring follow-up.*

The [NC DPI concussion page](#) was developed to support effective concussion management and monitoring for **ALL** NC public school students who sustain a concussion, in accordance with [State Board of Education Policy SHLT-001](#).

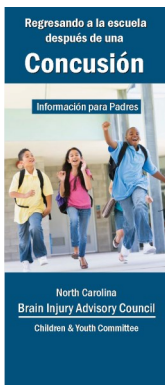
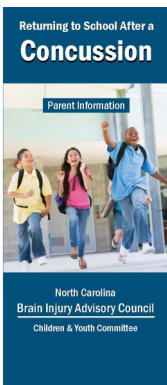
Some of the resources available through the DPI concussion page include:



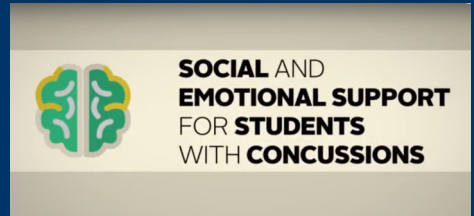
**Return-to-Learn Implementation Guide** – This resource was developed to support teams of professionals in establishing and delivering their response, support and monitoring protocol to ensure a student’s healthy and safe return to the school environment after sustaining a concussion.

#### Concussion Information Brochures (English and Spanish versions available)

These educational resources were developed in partnership with the *NC Brain Injury Advisory Council, Children and Youth Committee*. Through a collaboration with our state school nurses team and the support provided by the TBI team with the [NC Department of Health and Human Services](#), we are pleased to offer this informational handout as a **FREE** resource for distribution across ALL NC public schools - **look for copies of these educational materials in your school this year!**



#### Check out this video!



#### Social and Emotional Support for Students with Concussions

Developed by Dr. Susan Davies, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education.

This video highlights the importance of school staff in supporting students through a successful recovery from a concussion. It also underscores the important role that school counselors and school psychologists have in helping school staff understand and support the social and emotional factors that many students with concussions experience.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released their **Pediatric mTBI Guideline**.

Review this information and know the key recommendations for healthcare providers.

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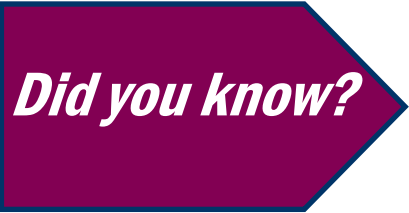
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NASP Members—login and listen to the following podcast:

[Concussion Management Skill Development for School-Based Professionals](#)

#### NC DPI TBI Provider Information and Resources:

North Carolina provides a unique opportunity for school psychologists to expand their knowledge and skills and support their school teams in conducting educationally relevant evaluations for students who sustain a brain injury and may require special education services.



NC's [Registry of TBI Approved Providers](#) includes information regarding the nearly 200 school psychologists who have received this specialized training. This registry also includes [NC DPI's TBI Approved Supervisors](#). These supervisors are pediatric neuropsychologists across the state who provide the training for school psychologists and support enhancement of their knowledge in neuroanatomy, and skill development in advanced assessment and treatment of TBI.

#### Interested in becoming a TBI Provider (TBI Trained School Psychologist)?

School psychologists interested in obtaining more information on becoming a TBI trained school psychologist (TBI Approved Provider) are encouraged to review the following information available through the [NC DPI Exceptional Children Division TBI page](#).

[School Psychologists: Becoming an Approved Provider \(TBI Trained School Psychologist\)](#)

**Existing TBI Approved Providers** should review the requirements that have been established to maintain their status on the TBI Registry of Approved Providers: [Continuing Education Requirements for Approved Providers](#).



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#### Upcoming TBI Events

September 12, 2018

[NC Brain Injury Advisory Council](#)

[Quarterly Meeting](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

September 21, 2018

[National Concussion Awareness Day](#)

September 25, 2018

FREE WEBINAR:

[Brain Injury Basics and Strategies](#)

November 30 - December 1, 2018

[Brain Injury Association of North Carolina](#)

[TBI Conference](#)

December 12, 2018

[NC Brain Injury Advisory Council](#)

[Quarterly Meeting](#)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

December 18, 2018

FREE WEBINAR:

[Brain Injury Basics and Strategies](#)



#### Professional Resources

Check out the [School Psychology Lending Library!](#)