Concussions and other acquired brain injuries (ABIs) such as brain tumors or a lack of oxygen can cause both temporary and long-term impairments regarding a student's ability to function in school and in daily life.

There are many resources to assist you on the road to recovery though. **BrainSTEPS** and **ConcussionWise** are teaming up to help students recover from brain injuries by focusing on a return to learning and a return to play.

RETURN TO LEARN









BrainSTEPS (Strategies Teaching Educators, Parents, & Students) works with schools and families to educationally support students with ABIs. BrainSTEPS also offers schools the ability to train Concussion Management Teams for free.



If a student has experienced an ABI, you can go to **www.brainsteps.net** and make a student referral. For concussions, student referrals should be made 4-6 weeks post-concussion if not recovered (since 70% recover in that timeframe). BrainSTEPS will follow the student and provide recommendations for academic supports.



For more info on making a referral or training a Concussion Management Team, contact the Program Coordinator Brenda Eagan-Brown at **eaganbrown@biapa.org**.

ConcussionWise is a series of concussion education courses from the PA Athletic Trainers' Society focused on prevention, preparation, response, and recovery following a concussion in order to facilitate a return to play.



If you have a group of students, parents, coaches, athletic trainers, nurses, or physicians who would be interested in concussion management education, visit www.sportsafetyinternational.org/concussionwise-pennsylvania to learn more and

sign. Training to become an instructor is also available.



To request an information session, contact the president of the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society John Moyer at **president@gopats.org**.