



Shaping the Future of Brain Injury Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council

During July, Nebraska VR and the Brain Injury Advisory Council have been celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the TBI Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-166). We have featured state TBI grant activities and council members who are helping to "shape the future" of brain injury.

Tiffany Armstrong, Council Chair, is our final member in the spotlight. We thank Tiffany and all the council members for their dedication and support.

Please join us on July 29 to celebrate and support the TBI Act and the difference it is making in the lives of Nebraskans and their families.

[Nebraska's annual evaluation report](#) has just been released. The report summarizes progress in implementing:

- * Information and Referral Services
- * Professional Workforce Development Trainings
- * Screening for TBI
- * Resource Facilitation

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COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT #4



Tiffany and her husband Charlie, sons CJ

(center) and Mitchell (on her lap) and the family dog Harley

Tiffany Armstrong of Gretna has been a member of the Brain Injury Advisory Council for seven years and has served as Chair for the past five years.

Tiffany's brain injury was not diagnosed until 2001, a year and half after her car accident. Despite daily struggles, she was able to return to college classes and eventually made the decision to become a nurse serving individuals with brain injuries and their families. Tiffany also went on to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree. Tiffany will continue serving individuals with brain injuries and their families as a Clinical Supervisor on the brain injury unit and as the Brain Injury Program Leader of the soon to open Omaha campus of Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

Tiffany describes: "I love serving on the Council as we assess the needs of Nebraskans with brain injuries and their families and make strides to fill the gaps to ensure these individuals and their families receive the best care possible in their own home state. My mother was always my advocate before and after my diagnosis and now I get the opportunity to be someone else's advocate.

I enjoy being at the table with a variety of stakeholders working together to improve services and the infrastructure needed for these services. It is a slower process to create change than anyone would want, but it's amazing how much can be accomplished when you have dedicated individuals with dreams of helping individuals with brain injuries and their families."

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