



January 2022 Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE STATE

We are excited to announce that **Heather Smith, RN, CCM** will take on the role of Brain Injury Program (BIP) Coordinator within the DAIL Adult Services Division.



"Heather comes to us having experience working with the Choices for Care Program at Addison County Home Health and most recently has been working in Primary Care. We are fortunate to have found someone with diverse skills, general experience and experience working with individuals who have a brain injury to take on this role."

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New Faces at BIAVT

BIAVT would like to welcome and introduce our new Program Manager Joy Mortelliti. Joy lives (and works) in Rutland, with her husband, son and pup. She has a Human Resources and Management background and experience in Digital Marketing in the



WELCOME

We're here to guide you through your best year yet

From our
Executive
Director



As I reflect on 2021 (and 2020 for that matter!), I can't help but feel an overwhelming gratitude for our supporters in the brain injury community. The dedication and commitment of our board, staff, donors and webinar attendees, allowed us to not just cope, but adapt and improve during a tumultuous time. BIAVT is resilient, like the people we serve. We have remained purposeful and focused on our mission to assist all Vermonters affected by brain injury through education, prevention, advocacy and support. We are proud of what we have accomplished at a time when we had so little. And, as we navigate the future, I have complete faith that we will

for-profit sector. Joy is excited to bring her knowledge and experience to BIAVT and help grow the organization to continue it's mission. When not working Joy can usually be found cooking, reading or skiing but you'll never find her before 9am since, in her own words, "But first, I need a coffee" Welcome to the team Joy!

persevere and continue to make Vermont a place where brain injuries are prevented, and brain injury survivors can get all the help they need.

Thank you for being with us on this journey.

In gratitude,
Jessica Leal, Executive Director

Events

See what's going on this month

[Upcoming Events](#)

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Are you a

brain injury survivor? Are you a family member or friend who is caring for a brain injury survivor? We want to hear from YOU! Reach out to us here at BIAVT we'd like to listen and hear about your experience and share it with others in our community email us at support@biavt

JANUARY IS WINTER SPORTS TBI AWARENESS MONTH

Read more below on what you can do to help prevent injury while participating in Winter Sports



Stay Safe during Winter Sports

January is National Winter Sports TBI Awareness Month. Harsh winter days offer thrill-seekers a playground of opportunity to participate in extreme sports, such as snowboarding, skiing, heli-skiing, and snowmobiling.

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