#### Mission statement:

... to provide a districtwide, coordinated and informed effort to identify and support students with brain injury.



#### BIRT members include:

Occupational therapists

School psychologists

Speech language therapists

Parents

Nurses

Administrators

Assistive technology team members

Outside agency representatives



# Poudre School District Brain Injury Resource Team

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#### **Definitions**

## Acquired Brain Injury (ABI):

an injury to the brain that occurs following birth, and can be classified as traumatic or nontraumatic

## Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI):

a physical force applied to the brain that results in cognitive, physical and/or psychosocial impairment

- Can be classified as mild, moderate or severe.
- 75% of TBIs are mild.
- Concussions are considered mild TBIs.

# Nontraumatic brain injuries include:

- Tumors
- Strokes
- Infections
- Seizures
- Anoxic Injuries

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## Consultation:

Consultation services are available to school district staff, school teams, parents and students. Services may include: **trainings** and in-services, information and resources, observations and/or attendance at IEP or 504 Plan meetings. Contact a BIRT member for assistance in supporting a student with a

### **Resources:**

PSD BIRT has a lending library with numerous resources related to brain injury. These resources include manuals, tool kits, tip cards, DVDs and books related to strategies for supporting students with brain injuries.

The BIRT library resources are available for loan to students, parents and school staff.

