

**Mission statement:**

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



# Brain Injury Resource Team

**BIRT members include:**

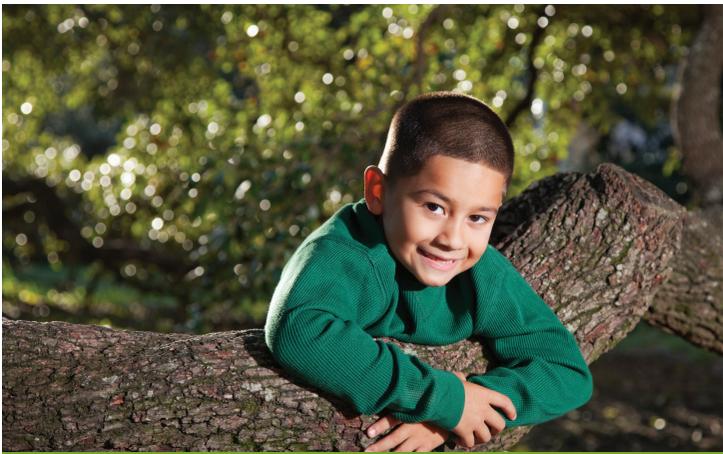
- Occupational therapists
- School psychologists
- Speech language therapists
- Parents
- Nurses
- Administrators
- Assistive technology team members
- Outside agency representatives

## 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

### 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 brain injury.

### 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.

