

**The Brain Injury Association of Arkansas has been awarded a grant from the Tobacco Settlement Commission. We are actively seeking public, private, and family childcare preschool providers around the state that would be willing to implement the IM Brainy Preschool curriculum into their program (limited funding available). The objectives of the grant are:**

**Implement School Projects:** The I.M. Brainy School Project incorporates educational activities, a preschool curriculum, and a Reader's Theater Script to create a brain injury prevention message among preschool children. Injury prevention and healthy messages include the importance of proper helmet usage, safety on bicycles and other play equipment, passenger safety, pedestrian/sidewalk safety and negative effects of alcohol and tobacco. All are contributors to brain injury and health challenges in children. The curriculum includes five lesson plans with objectives, material lists and procedures with detailed information regarding brain injury safety for the educator, Reader's Theater Script with frequently asked questions and follow up activities for the schools, activities for each lesson with descriptions and materials lists, information for parent/caregiver and educators explaining the importance of brain injury prevention and an evaluation piece.

**Organize Student Rallies:** The I.M. Brainy Student Rally provides a community event that will allow participation by all community members so that safety and prevention messages can be reinforced during an occasion where materials can be distributed by safety and health organizations and where helmets and bicycles as well as other recreational toys can be checked for proper size, fit and use. Demonstration tracks and booths will underscore the importance of the use of safe practices and prevention reinforcement in the home.

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