



# SERVICES FOR BRAIN INJURY (SBI)

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## SBI Provides a Continuum of Services for Individuals Who Have Sustained a Brain Injury

**FAST FACT:** *SBI has moved into a larger facility to better meet the employment needs of people with brain injuries!*

### BACKGROUND:

SBI originated in 1989 as a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Center, where healthcare providers recognized the need for community based services to help discharged patients and their families successfully re-integrate into their home and professional lives.

SBI provides a critical service to Santa Clara County, serving those who are released early from the hospital, lack insurance coverage, are soldiers returning from the war, or who are impacted by the state of the California economy in general. There is no other nonprofit provider exclusive to serving the brain injured population at all phases of post-acute rehabilitation at a cost that is affordable to those with brain injuries and their families.

### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- daily programs teaching self-care, academics, computer-aided learning, and socialization;
- speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical exercise and education;
- independent living skills training in cooking, home and money management, crafts, and volunteerism;
- vocational testing and evaluations, external situational assessments, job placement, resume writing, interviewing techniques;
- on-the-job coaching, and follow-along services;
- advocacy for housing, acquisition of entitlements, and transportation;
- counseling for clients and family members, after-care support groups; and community education.

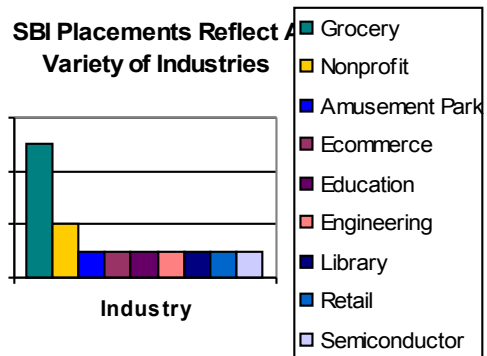
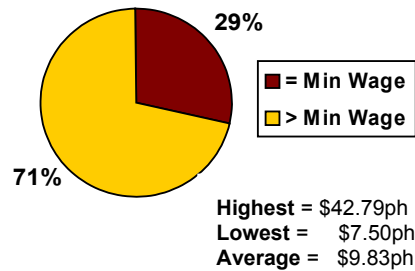
### RESULTS:

The redesigned Personal Vocational Social Adjustment Program (PVSA) coupled with

SBI's recent move into a larger facility just two blocks from its former site has helped clients meet their employment outcomes.

Based upon their Individual Employment Plan, clients self-selected program goals, with input from their Instructors, to help address identified barriers to employment. Clients participating in the PVSA program last year had remarkable success with goal attainment.

### SBI Clients Earn An Average of \$9.83ph



### STAKEHOLDERS COMMENT ON OUTCOMES:

*“I thought SBI would help, but I did not think it would do this. I feel I am beyond where I ever expected.”*

- SBI Client and Veteran Employed by Federal Express

*“If it weren’t for SBI, I’d be back on drugs, SBI saved my life”.*

- SBI Client Employed by Safeway

*“It’s so much better being here at SBI than at a traditional rehab setting—people say ‘see you tomorrow to finish that project’ and this makes me feel like there’s hope for a job in my future.”*

- SBI Employment Training Client

### **SBI HIGHLIGHTS:**

- SBI is now in its own building; 6,000 square feet larger just two blocks from its former site—access SBI at the Orchard Light Rail Stop.
- SBI has leased space at 1440 Broadway in Oakland to deliver Personal, Vocational, Social Adjustment Employment Training Classes beginning January 2009.
- SBI now has a webmaster on its staff.

### **FORECASTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Bay Area Brain Injury Taskforce (BABIT), a collaboration of government, healthcare, law enforcement, higher education, for-profit and non-profit organizations, is focused on increasing awareness about resources available to people with brain injuries.

BABIT is hosting “Putting our Heads Together, a Resource Fair, on May 16, 2009 in San Jose, California. The number of brain injured people in the greater Bay Area has increased as soldiers return from overseas and need our help adapting to their new situation.

Brain injuries can happen to anyone, though most brain injuries are preventable. Through mutual collaboration and community education BABIT strives to be a central catalyst in policy development at the local and state levels through education and networking with family members, communities, and

elected officials.

### **BABIT Membership Includes:**

- Services for Brain Injury
- San Jose Police Department
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara County Sherriff's Department
- Veteran's Administration Palo Alto Healthcare System
- State Department of Rehabilitation
- Via Services
- Santa Clara County Crisis Intervention Program
- Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Rehabilitation Center.

### **CONNECT! HIGHLIGHTS:**

SBI participates in the quarterly Stakeholder meetings and attends CONNECT! sponsored events.

SBI continues to work closely with other CONNECT! Partners (BACED, Alliance for Community Care, Sensory Access Foundation, and Project Hired), taking advantage of the opportunities provided to share ideas and information with complementary agencies.

SBI particularly appreciates the CONNECT! Center where we can work with Department of Rehabilitation counselors and representatives from other agencies all in one place and oftentimes simultaneously.

SBI also encourages our clients to register with CONNECT!, attend workshops, and to use the center as a resource in their job search.

SBI has received lots of positive feedback from our clients.