

2017 Progress Update



We are a statewide network and 501c3 charity working to improve the quality of life of children, adults, and families living with spina bifida. More at i-sba.org.

Program Strategy

- Build family resilience through networks of outreach and education
Programs include statewide support groups, workshops, and info & referral.

- Provide scholarships, equipment grants, and emergency financial help

- Promote skills development and independence

ISBA is proud to be in association with the YMCA of Metro Chicago in providing [Camp Independence](#) experiences for children, teens, and adults.



Updates & Accomplishments

- Our new [Community-Clinic Connection](#) program works to improve resilience, independence and access to resources through home-based case management for Central IL families in partnership with OSF HealthCare, and expands to Chicagoland in fall 2017 in collaboration with Shriners Hospitals for Children.

- Our second annual [GoBabyGo](#) workshop provided custom electric ride-on cars to another 12 children to empower greater mobility & independence.

- For six years in a row, all eligible adult applicants have received scholarships, including the [Patrick Juris Scholarship](#) for studies toward a career of service.

- ISBA now has outreach collaborations with spina bifida clinics at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, and OSF HealthCare in Peoria.

- Thanks to gifts from "A Helping Hand" and Kiwanis Clubs, our equipment fund will provide financial assistance to families for the next 14 years.

- ISBA's Professional Advisory Council is pleased to announce its second annual [Research Award](#) with a \$1,000 prize to Caitlin Murray, MA, on her paper examining sleep disturbances in adolescents with spina bifida.

