

2018 Progress Update

We are a 501c3 charity working to improve the quality of life of more than 900 children, adults, and families living with spina bifida throughout Illinois.

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Program Strategy

- Build family resilience through outreach, education, and advocacy
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 has expanded to Chicagoland in collaboration with Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- ISBA has served statewide families with more than 125 social work and information referral cases since 2017.
- Our third annual [GoBabyGo](#) workshop in June will provide custom electric ride-on cars to 12 children to empower greater mobility & independence.
- 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 13 years.
- ISBA's Professional Advisory Council is pleased to announce its third annual [Research Awards](#) with \$1,000 in prizes for excellence in clinical research.
- Morton College will host ISBA's July 21st [Statewide Education Conference](#).

