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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month!

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LEHIGH VALLEY - Community Conversations- Real Talk: Navigating Genuine Conversations with Teens About Healthy Relationships

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Description February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month!

So, let's talk about what *actually works* when talking with teens. Join the Child and Teen Advocacy and Youth Prevention Teams as they share how to communicate with teens in a real, down-to-earth way. We'll explore how to move beyond talking *at* teens and start having honest, open conversations that meet them where they are.

With a focus on creating safe spaces for real dialogue, we'll share practical strategies for supporting teens without overwhelming them. Learn how to show up as a competent and safe adult who listens, builds trust, and connects in ways that help teens not only feel heard, but feel empowered to simply be themselves.

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Improving Care for Brain Injury Patients

By By Rep. Ann Flood

Last week, the House Human Services Committee held its second recent hearing on traumatic and acquired brain injuries. Experts from the Department of Health, Penn State Health, and others discussed rehabilitation, funding, and how to better support Pennsylvanians in need.

I asked Kristen Farry, executive vice president of policy and strategy at Woods System of Care, whether brain injury patients face waitlists. While there may not always be an official list, she confirmed treatment delays are a real issue. She also agreed that a dedicated budget line is needed to ensure stable funding for rehabilitation services.

Lack of funding makes it harder to maintain a skilled workforce and provide essential care. That's why, as co-chairs of the House Brain Injury Caucus, Reps. Tim Briggs, Mindy Fee and I will reintroduce House Bill 1682 to ensure Pennsylvanians with moderate-to-severe brain injuries receive post-acute neurorehabilitation.

Nearly 500,000 Pennsylvanians live with an acquired brain injury, with thousands of new cases each year. Timely rehabilitation improves outcomes and reduces the burden on long-term care. House Bill 1682 would require commercial insurers to cover post-acute neurore-habilitation, helping more people recover, return to their communities and regain independence.

I'll keep fighting to ensure brain injury patients get the care they need. I am pictured at Brain Injury Awareness Day in Harrisburg, 2024.