

# BrainSTEPS

Strategies Teaching Educators, Parents, & Students

A BRAIN INJURY SCHOOL RE-ENTRY CONSULTING PROGRAM



Each year, over 26,000 of Pennsylvania's children survive traumatic brain injuries, which include concussions.

Many of these children are left with life-altering difficulties in physical, cognitive, or behavioral functioning.



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The BrainSTEPS Program has 30 brain injury consulting teams available to families and schools throughout Pennsylvania.

Teams are extensively trained in the educational needs of students returning to school following brain injury.

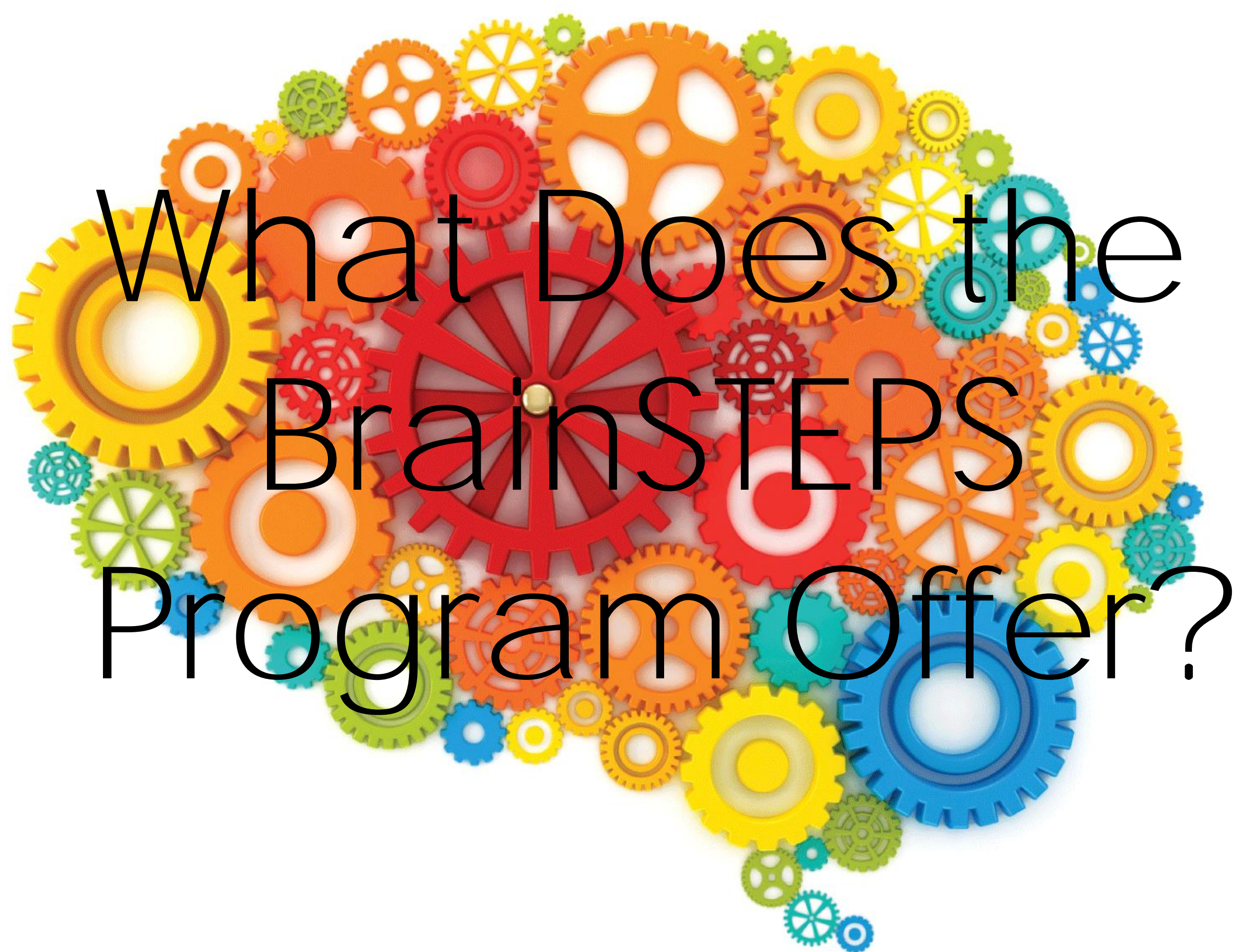
Teams consist of:

- Educational professionals
- Rehabilitation professionals
- Family members of students with brain injury



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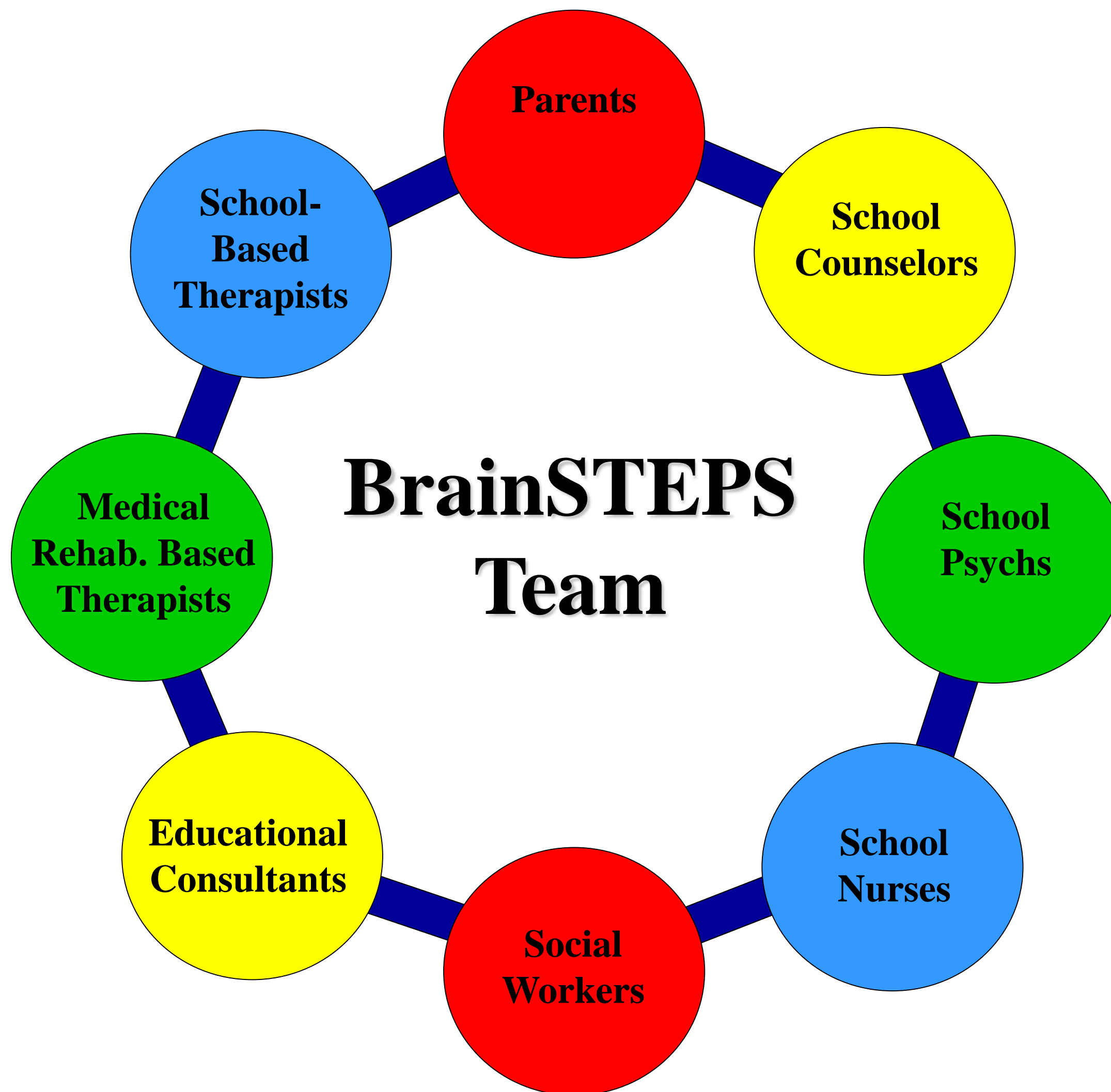
- Development of the Teams
- Intense ongoing training of Team Members
- Ongoing and direct consultation from Program Coordinator
- Consultation from local medical & rehabilitation professionals based on **individual student's educational needs**
- Hospital to school re-entry planning
- IEP and 504 Plan development
- Academic interventions
- Strategy implementation
- Educational programming
- Monitoring of students until graduation
- Brain Injury trainings for schools and families





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- The BrainSTEPS School Consulting Program established consulting teams available to schools throughout Pennsylvania.
- Teams are extensively trained in the educational needs of students returning to school following brain injury.
- Teams will work with local school staff to develop educational programs, academic interventions, strategy implementation, and monitoring of students.



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