

Snider Therapy Centers, Inc

But be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Romans 12:2

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Insurance Compensation

Four months after graduating from Vision Therapy, one of our patients was involved in a motor vehicle accident which left both cars totaled. While she had no manifest injuries, the fact that she did not remember details associated with the accident indicates that she sustained **a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI).** Unfortunately for this young woman, her attorney is rushing to settle the case quickly. Her father asked that I write a letter to the attorney giving reasons to delay a quick settlement. The following article is a result of that request.

Many times the victim of a mild traumatic brain injury is unaware of the extent of his or her injuries until it's too late and the case has been settled. Signs of a mild TBI may not be immediately apparent as they might not manifest for days, weeks, or even months after the event.

Common signs associated with a mild TBI include:

- 1. Problems with eye focusing, eye teaming, double vision
- 2. Problems coordinating eye movements while reading or following an object
- 3. Visual field loss
- 4. Eye pain and/or headaches
- 5. Sensitivity to light, sound, motion
- 6. Sleep deprivation
- 7. Depression, changes in mood, violent outbursts
- 8. Problems with coordination
- 9. Difficulty formulating thoughts or sentences, memory loss
- 10. Hormonal deficiencies
- 11. Nausea

Since only 50-70% of mTBI patients recover within one month, a significant number of individuals will need additional therapies - requiring money(?).

The evaluation is to assess visual, auditory, and vestibular performance and to determine the appropriate neuro-integrative therapies (i.e. vision therapy, phototherapy, auditory processing therapy, etc.). Improvements in neuro-integration will impact visual skills, auditory processing, visual field size, balance, sleep, depression, and anxiety.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST



Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries



Success Stories



Our New Therapy

PATIENT POPULATION

The majority of Snider Therapy Centers' (STC) patients are children who have learning-related Visual Disorders such as tracking, eye teaming, and accommodation issues.

We also treat adults, as well as children, with Traumatic Brain Injuries (i.e. concussions, motor vehicle accidents, brain surgery, stroke, and epilepsy).

Another large segment are individuals who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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Additional professional consultations indicated may include a chiropractor to balance the upper cervical area of the spine, a neuro-endocrinologist for hormone regulation, and a naturopathic practitioner to monitor physiological health.

So in order to protect your rights to compensation after a mTBI, be educated and aware of areas that should be treated before an insurance settlement is made.

"I CAN READ PERFECTLY"

Ella, age 11

When I would read the words would be double: I would have double vision but now i can read them perfectly fine with my glasses. Also, my left eye, when it got tired, it would go up, so I would tilt my head down. Mrs. Elizabeth helped me fix that. When I first started I was really struggling with base in, but now its really good!

"ENJOYS READING BOOKS"

Ivie, age 13

Ivie can now see stuff while we are driving down the road. She notices things that she says she has never seen before. Before it was a struggle to get her to read anything! Now she enjoys reading books! It has also helped her shooting her gun. She used to see 2 sights, now she shoots better than me! The only thing I regret is that we didn't come here sooner!!

Success Stories

"Snider Therapy was truly a gift from God"

Jackson was always a good student and athlete. When he was 7, his grandfather died and everything changed from that moment on. He struggles with reading and other school subjects. He saw letters that weren't in the words he was reading and mispronounced words that he would see. He had hearing issues that would cause him to say basic words the wrong way. But that was how he heard them. Between 3rd and 6th grade the problems continued to get worse. He had to work extra hard just to make a C on an assignment. He struggled with turning in assignments on time because he forgot they were due, or just didn't know that he even had the assignment to do. He would fail open book tests. We thought he wasn't trying his best at school and that related many long nights or arguments and accusations. In 5th grade he was placed in a reading intervention program. That program consisted of him having to go in to the hallway at school and read on his own. There was no instruction or teacher around, he just had to go read by himself. He began to hear his friends laugh at him and make fun of him. In 6th grade we received a phone call from the school wanting to get him tested for a learning disability. We finally took him to a psychiatrist for testing, thinking he had ADD and/or dyslexia. The results were frustrating. He had "tendencies" of those diagnoses, but not a clear-cut diagnosis or solution. Occupational Therapy was recommended. We reached out to people we knew in that field and thankfully someone recommended Snider Vision Therapy.

I was very skeptical as the treatment wasn't covered by insurance and was not conventional. What really made me realize we had no choice but to try the therapy was when his sports were affected. He had always been able to hit a baseball but got to the point where he would strike out every time up to bat. He was so frustrated and so were we. We felt hopeless. We met with Snider and realized how limited his vision was and how that affected his ability to learn and play sports.

He required 9 months of treatment and the results were seen almost immediately. As a 7th grader he started bringing home all A's. He wasn't missing assignments and would actually study on his own. He actually enjoyed going to school and was ferocious about making good grades. His sports improved as well. He ended up well above his grade level on standardized tests, and made the National Junior Honor Society. He started to read words the way they were written. His reading comprehension, and comprehension of all subjects, soared through the roof. His personality blossomed.

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While he was struggling at school he was a quiet and serious child. While going through therapy he became a jovial, happy child that loves to laugh and joke around. He is a totally different kid compared to where he was a year ago. Life is much easier for him and there is literally nothing he cannot do when he puts his mind to it. All of these successes can be credited to Snider Vision Therapy, the staff that worked with him and the hard work he put in. Snider Therapy was truly a gift from God and I am thankful every day for how they helped save my child. I would recommend Snider to anyone who is going through the same struggles. It literally changed his life and our family.

Layla— Age 9

After obtaining a diagnosis of ADHD and placing Layla on medication, school (3rd grade) was still not going well; her focus and concentration were not there. The meds actually depressed her. I heard about Snider Therapy and immediately called for an assessment. After finding out Layla had several visual deficits, we stopped meds and took Dr. Snider's advice. Layla did the Sensory Learning Program for two weeks, and she came home a different child. She had so much self-esteem, she is organized, she can focus, and she can concentrate! The Sensory Learning Program itself took her 5 degree vision out to 20-25 degrees. Due to another deficit, her eyes did not team together, but 56 sessions of vision therapy corrected this too. We are thankful for Snider Vision Therapy.

Jonathan — Age 15

Jonathan had difficulty with reading before starting. He requested reading glasses, but often had trouble finding his place or skipping words. When he would complete his schoolwork he would fail to complete rows of problems. He often had issues with attention to details, especially when cleaning countertops. He was not able to see spills or crumbs. Since completing vision therapy, he doesn't struggle with reading, no longer requests reading glasses, and does a great job cleaning up. We are not having the issues with skipping problems on homework! Miss Summer was a fabulous therapist.

Nephi—Age 10

Nephi has always been a very patient, sweet, and loving boy. When he was asked to write his name or a simple sentence, he would cry, but continue. It would take him hours to complete five math problems, read one page in a beginner reader, write one sentence, one page of spelling, and read one page in a science or history book. Many tears were shed from Nephi and mom. I realized something had to be done. We came to Snider after one year of Nephi wearing glasses, and we saw results very soon after starting. He was so happy to go to therapy with Mrs. Elizabeth. He has worked so hard, and so has Mrs. Elizabeth. He can focus, write, read, and do math without tears!! Thank you so much!

"LOVES LIFE!!"

Braley, age 6

Braley came home able to read, loving going to school, smiles a lot more, seems a lot happier! We still have quite a few meltdowns. We still struggle with listening to directions and following them. She tries a lot harder and has the "want to do" now whereas she used to not! She's more patient, but most important is she is just happier with herself, and more confident than she's ever been!! She is eating lots more things, and trying things that she used to not try! She keeps telling to write "thank you, she's happy with herself"!!! Loves Life!!



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- 1. Phototherapy
- 2. The Sensory Learning Program
- 3. Yoked Prism Lenses
- 4. Vision Therapy
- 5. Johansen Individualized Auditory Stimulation Program (JIAS)
- Integrated Listening Systems (iLs)
- 7. Firefly Light Therapy

Firefly Light Therapy

Powerful LED Light Therapy for Neurological, Pain, and Pathogen Issues

Snider Therapy Centers is pleased to announce that we are now providers of Firefly Light Therapy, the latest in multi-spectrum LED light therapy for neurological, pain, and pathogen issues! Our new Firefly Clinic Pro Model utilizes multiple wavelengths of light (blue, red, and near-infrared) to penetrate the skin, tissue, and surrounding nerves to promote healing.

Benefits include:

- · Pain relief
- · Accelerated regeneration of damaged nerve and brain tissue
- · Increased vascular activity
- · Anti-inflammatory action

Firefly Light Therapy is safe for all ages, has no side effects, has no ionizing radiation danger, requires no sticky pads or gels, and is non-invasive. Treatment sessions are fast (typically between 10 and 20 minutes) and are generally provided in a series of 6-10 visits.



