

## 2024 Progress Update

We are a 501c3 charity working to improve the quality of life of more than 1,000 children, adults, and families living with spina bifida throughout Illinois.

For more information, visit [i-sba.org](http://i-sba.org).

### Program Strategy

- Support individuals and families 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

- Through executive functioning coaching, ISBA helps people with spina bifida achieve success with academic and independent living goals.
- The Kendall Gretsch Fund for Adaptive Athletes promotes sports to Illinois children and adults with spina bifida through financial assistance grants.
- Vocational rehabilitation helps people with school, jobs, and driver's ed.
- The Community-Clinic Connection program has worked on more than 1550 cases with individuals and families since 2017. Through clinic outreach, events, and individualized coaching, we help people work toward goals, access resources and social networks, and achieve greater independence.
- Annual GoBabyGo workshops have provided custom electric ride-on cars to more than 100 children to empower greater mobility & independence.
- ISBA has partnerships with Shriners Children's Chicago, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Loyola Medicine, Margaret Hackett Family Program at UChicago Medicine, and OSF HealthCare in Peoria.

--Sincerely, Matt Larsen, Executive Director

