



2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# CREATING ROADMAPS FOR BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION:

THE JOURNEY FROM INITIAL TREATMENT  
TO COMMUNITY INCLUSION

JUNE 24-25, 2024

LANCASTER MARRIOTT AT PENN SQUARE  
LANCASTER, PA

REGISTRATION PACKET



# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**JUNE 24-25, 2024**

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

**LANCASTER, PA**

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania's 2024 Annual Conference will be held in person on Monday, June 24th through Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

This year's annual conference theme is "Creating Roadmaps for Brain Injury Rehabilitation: The Journey from Initial Treatment to Community Inclusion." It is designed for professionals, survivors, family members, caregivers and volunteers. By registering for the full conference, you will have the opportunity to earn 11 CEU credits.

We thank you for your support as BIAPA strives to foster a community of education, advocacy, services, supports and research to maximize the quality of life for those with brain injuries and their families.

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## KEYNOTE AND PLENARY SPEAKERS



**Jenna Jebitsch, PsyD and Brian Yount, BS**  
*Monday Opening Keynote*



**Christopher Schaub, MSEd,  
BCBA**  
*Monday Plenary*



**Christina L. Master, MD**  
*Tuesday Plenary*

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## LANCASTER MARRIOTT & CONVENTION CENTER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the Lancaster Marriott and Convention Center located at Penn Square in the heart of Lancaster City.



SCAN QR CODE  
TO MAKE HOTEL  
RESERVATION

Reservations can be made by calling 717-239-1600 or by clicking on the [Reserve Your Room Link](#). The special conference rate of \$165 per night can be obtained by requesting Brain Injury Association's room rate by 5 pm on Monday, June 3, 2024. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available at the Penn Square garage adjacent to the Lancaster Marriott at a reduced rate of \$10 for one vehicle per room night.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online by [clicking here](#).
2. Mail the enclosed registration form to:  
Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania,  
947 Wayne Avenue, No. 110, Chambersburg, PA 17201
3. Fax the form to: 1-833-242-7248

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Financial assistance may be available to cover one day or two day conference registrations for brain injury survivors and their families through the David L. Strauss Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund honors the legacy of the late David L. Strauss, PhD, one of BIAPA's founders and a clinical neuropsychologist who was dedicated to improving the lives of individuals who had experienced brain injury and to providing education and support for their families.

Complete the [scholarship application form](#) in this packet, and submit it by **May 1, 2024** for consideration. Contact [schneider@biapa.org](mailto:schneider@biapa.org) or 833-242-7248 for more information.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE MONDAY

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM***

**BREAKFAST BUFFET | EXHIBITS | POSTERS**

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 9:15 AM – 10:25 AM***

**WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE**

**“Don’t You Remember? A Survivor, Caregiver and Professional’s Blueprint for Life After Brain Injury”**

Speakers: Jenna Jebitsch, PsyD and Brian Yount, BS

Using the power of personal storytelling and a bit of humor, Brian Yount, who experienced a traumatic brain injury in 2019, and his spouse, Dr. Jenna Jebitsch, clinical psychologist, will present lessons they learned after the mechanical fall that led to Brian’s injury. They will describe the emotional and psychological fall that followed as they navigated their new life together. The presentation will discuss real-life application of empirically-supported approaches to the treatment of traumatic brain injury, including compensatory strategies for cognitive deficits, mood management and related coping skills for mental health issues. Strategies for navigating family, social, and intimate relationships will also be discussed.

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM***

**SESSION #1**

**“Depression and Suicidality After Brain Injury: Improving Mental Health and Preventing Suicide”**

Speakers: William Gardner, PhD and Rebecca Crambert, PhD

Depression is often present following any brain injury and, too often, the depression can reach the depths of suicidal thinking for action. In this session, a neuropsychologist and a brain injury survivor will explore the prevalence and common reasons for depression, post-injury, and the role of psychology in comprehensive rehabilitation services. The “loss of self” and the “why” question will be explored, as well as this survivor’s experience with deep depression post-injury. The presentation will conclude with strategies for survivors to connect to needed care and build a new support system. Attendees will gain awareness of how to provide support to survivors in their journey. The session will reinforce the reality that, even though depression is often a stage toward healing post-injury, it is not the final destination.

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM***

**SESSION #2**

**“Navigating Social Security Claims for Brain Injuries: Legal and Medical Perspectives”**

Speaker: Maria Bermudez, Esq.

In this presentation, Maria Bermudez, Esq., will provide an in-depth exploration of managing disability claims involving brain injuries. The presentation will focus on preparing for hearings with administrative law judges (ALJ). She will discuss legal strategies and the importance of medical evidence, with a discussion of firsthand experience regarding medical practitioners testifying at a Social Security hearing on behalf of a claimant. She will also discuss medical opinion evidence and the aspects of treatment notes considered in brain injury cases. She will provide a comprehensive view on the intersection of legal advocacy and medical expertise, offering valuable insights for healthcare practitioners supporting individuals through the disability claims process.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE MONDAY

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM*

## SESSION #3

### **“Vision and Vestibular Rehabilitation to Address Dizziness and Vision Symptoms in Persons with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury”**

Speakers: Janine Brodovsky, MSPT, DPT, PT and Allison Hendrix, MOT, OTR/L

In this presentation, an occupational therapist with a vision rehabilitation certification and a physical therapist with a certificate in vestibular rehabilitation will discuss common vision and dizziness complaints post mTBI. A transdisciplinary approach will be used to describe the evaluation and treatment of vision and dizziness complaints often experienced by military veterans who have sustained a mTBI. A case example will be used to illustrate the examination, diagnosis, and treatment to address vision and vestibular complaints.

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 11:35 AM – 12:35 PM*

## PLENARY

### **“Managing Complicated Behaviors in Long-Term Brain Injury Care: Promoting and Maintaining Safety and Stability”**

Speakers: Christopher Schaub, MEd, BCBA and Maria Baltazar-Mars, MS, BCBA, CBIS (non-presenting contributing author)

Over the course of recovery from a brain injury, features such as poor frustration tolerance, awareness deficits, impulsivity, cognitive and communication deficits can influence and complicate treatment efforts. In long-term care, these sequelae contribute to complicating behaviors (such as unsafe mobility, falls, medication refusal, and poor self-care) which significantly impact an individual's safety and instability. Treatment provided in various settings must include monitoring and managing these factors to prevent or mitigate the occurrence of these behaviors.

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 12:35 PM - 2:00 PM*

## LUNCH BUFFET | EXHIBITS | POSTERS

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 1:20 PM - 1:55 PM*

## YOGA SESSION

Kelsey Palmer, MS, CTRS, CBIS

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM*

## Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania Annual Meeting & Special Awards

Join together to review BIAPA's exciting programs and opportunities and help celebrate people receiving special recognition. BIAPA leadership will review this past year's accomplishments and our collective mission to foster a community of education, advocacy, services, supports and research to maximize the quality of life for those with brain injuries and their families.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

## SESSION #4

### **“Art Therapy and Brain Injury: Making the Invisible Visible”**

Speakers: Denise Wolf, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, LPC, LPAT and Michele Rattigan, MA, ATR-BC, NCC, LPC, LPAT

This presentation will focus on the artwork created by an art therapist and the child of an art therapist after acquiring a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Symptoms of TBI and post-concussion syndrome (PCS) can stem from damaged microstructures in the brain that are often undetectable in standard diagnostic testing. Cognitive, somatic, and behavioral changes may impact one's expressive language and ability to communicate symptoms and may be compounded by health disparities and inequity. Investigating the imagery, the presenters discovered multiple and prevalent themes, leading to the belief that these experiences can be communicated with created imagery, making the invisible neurological consequences of brain injuries become visible.

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

## SESSION #5

### **“Rationale and Strategies for Working With Individuals With Co-Existing Brain Injury and Substance Misuse” —PART I**

Speakers: Madeline DiPasquale, PhD, CBIST and Monica Vaccaro, MS, CBIS

This presentation will review the problem of co-occurring substance abuse disorder and brain injury and how to manage that dual diagnosis in a brain injury rehabilitation program. We will focus on the concept of addiction as a brain disorder and the implications for serving clients with co-existing substance use disorder and brain injury. We will summarize treatment models of recovery, how to support persons with brain injury who are engaged in substance abuse treatment, and how the work of recovery can be integrated into brain injury rehabilitation. During the course of the presentation, we will provide resources for screening, evaluation, and treatment.

*Monday, June 24, 2024: 4:05 PM – 5:05 PM*

## SESSION #6

### **“Dispatches From the Field of Concussion: ACRM's Revised Mild TBI Diagnostic Criteria and CARF's New Concussion Rehabilitation Program Standards”**

Speakers: Drew Nagele, PsyD, ABPP, CBIST-AP, FACRM, CESP and Terrence Carolan, MS, PT, MBA

Over the last 30 years, the definition of mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) has remained unchanged. However, over that period, our understanding of mTBI has improved dramatically, and we now know that mTBI, also known as concussion, is a complex disorder with many facets. This presentation will unveil the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's Interdisciplinary Brain Injury Special Interest Group mTBI Task Force's latest definition of mTBI, which was developed through a Delphi Consensus project. The session will also feature the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities' (CARF's) first interdisciplinary Concussion Rehabilitation Program standards. Based on 56 interviews and over 200 responses from a public field review, these standards focus on how programs can provide prevention, assessment, treatment, and education regarding concussions. These programs are also resources to healthcare providers and community stakeholders as they support the return of persons served to participation in life roles, including school, work, and sports.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 4:05 PM – 5:05 PM***

## **SESSION #7**

### **“Rationale and Strategies for Working With Individuals With Co-Existing Brain Injury and Substance Misuse” —PART II**

Speakers: Madeline DiPasquale, PhD, CBIST and Monica Vaccaro, MS, CBIS

This presentation is a continuation of PART I, reviewing the problem of co-occurring substance abuse disorder and brain injury and how to manage that dual diagnosis in a brain injury rehabilitation program. We will focus on the concept of addiction as a brain disorder and the implications for serving clients with co-existing substance use disorder and brain injury. We will summarize treatment models of recovery, how to support persons with brain injury who are engaged in substance abuse treatment, and how the work of recovery can be integrated into brain injury rehabilitation. During the course of the presentation, we will provide resources for screening, evaluation, and treatment.

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 4:05 PM - 4:45 PM***

## **TAI CHI SESSION**

Alexander Landefeld

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 5:05 PM - 7:00 PM***

## **DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

Enjoy a dinner buffet and annual Silent Auction benefitting the David L. Strauss Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for conference attendees with brain injuries and their families or caregivers. For more information on how you can donate a silent auction or raffle item, [view the donation form](#).

***Monday, June 24, 2024: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM***

## **COFFEE HOUSE WITH CRISTABELLE BRADEN**

Following dinner will be a performance and open mic night hosted by Cristabelle Braden, singer/songwriter, speaker, author, podcast host and TBI survivor/advocate. Cristabelle will share her musical talents with the audience while they enjoy coffee and refreshments. An open mic will enable attendees to share their poetry, music or stories with the audience.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM*

## TAI CHI SESSION

Alexander Landefeld

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM*

## YOGA SESSION

Kelsey Palmer, MS, CTRS, CBIS

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM*

## BREAKFAST BUFFET | EXHIBITS | POSTERS

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 9:05 AM - 10:10 AM*

## TUESDAY PLENARY

### **“Minds Matter: Seeing Concussion Through New Eyes”**

Speaker: Christina L. Master, MD

Concussion is a common injury in childhood. Visual-vestibular problems can occur following a concussion and may not be recognized if particular attention is not paid to the relevant history and physical examination needed to identify these problems. These problems can have a substantial negative impact on the ability of children with concussion to return to learning and sports. Early identification with a targeted history and physical allows prompt support with academic accommodations in school directed at ameliorating the effects of vision problems after a concussion. Those with persisting vision problems may require subspecialty referral for further management.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM*

## SESSION #8

### **“Building Resilience and Increasing Community Participation Among Brain Injury Survivors: An Evidence-based, Multimodal Program Model”**

Speaker: Mary Brownsberger, PsyD, ABPP

This presentation will review the evidence basis of yoga and other mindfulness-based modalities to address physical, cognitive, and emotional sequelae of TBI. In this session, the application of evidence to a specific program model will be discussed and can be generalized across a broad array of settings (e.g., inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, retreats, yoga studios, and online forums that further increase accessibility). This program has yielded eight outcomes research studies demonstrating a positive impact on quality of life, resilience, emotion, and behavior regulation, cognition, positive affect, and well-being, supporting advocacy efforts to include these modalities in all phases of TBI rehabilitation.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TUESDAY

***Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM***

## **SESSION #9**

### **“From Injury to Recovery: Evaluation and Treatment of Cognitive and Psychosocial Difficulties in Youth with Brain Injuries”**

Speaker: Katherine Baum, PhD, ABPP-CN

Despite advancements in the evaluation and treatment of children with acquired brain injuries (ABI), pediatric patients with neurological injuries remain at high risk for neurocognitive dysfunction, which contributes to poor educational, vocational, and social outcomes. Evidence-based treatments need to be accessible and integrated into daily life, and families need guidance regarding what treatments to consider and when. Attendees will learn more about the role of neuropsychological testing in ABI and how it differs from evaluations through their school or physician. They will also learn about the evidence for various available treatment options, including cognitively focused rehabilitation, targeted family-based therapy, and medication.

***Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM***

## **SESSION #10**

### **“Preparing for and Supporting Youth with Brain Injuries During the Transition From High School to Adult Living”**

Speaker: Doreen Milot, MEd, CBIS

Transition planning is a multi-step process to guide youth in high school into adult living. In Pennsylvania, planning begins at age 14 (or younger, if determined by the individualized education program [IEP] team to be appropriate) and continues throughout high school. Academic instruction and community experiences help to clarify and support students' post-secondary goals. This session will identify essential steps to transition planning and will describe the ways all stakeholders can work together to ensure a successful transition.

***Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM***

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***Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM***

## **SESSION #11**

### **“Coping With Loss and Acceptance After Brain Injury: Survivor Panel”**

Speaker: Ann Marie McLaughlin, PhD

Acquired brain injury is associated with significant changes to functional skills, activity patterns, and overall quality of life. Clearly, individuals who experience brain injury of any severity deal with challenges that impact adjustment and mood. Neurophysiological changes can also contribute to mood instability. This panel will highlight strategies that have been used successfully by brain injury survivors to cope with injury-related losses and to move toward acceptance of a revised sense of self. The critical importance of psychological adjustment post-brain injury will be discussed, as well as skills including flexibility and resilience, problem-based coping, medication decision-making, social integration, and depression management.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM*

## SESSION #12

### **“Beyond the Playlist: The Rehabilitation Benefits of Music Therapy After Brain Injury”**

Speakers: Allison Broadderick, BS, MT-BC and Miranda Murphy, BM, MT-BC

When people think of music therapy, they often envision putting on headphones and listening to music to feel better. What they probably don't realize is that music is an incredibly powerful medium to improve mood states and quality of life, cognitive recovery, physical performance (including walking, upper limb function and talking, and communication outcomes, voice, speech and language). During this presentation, what music therapy is will be discussed, as well as the experience components and potential outcomes. This presentation will specifically focus on outcomes for children and adolescents but can benefit adults as well.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM*

## SESSION #13

### **“Using WIOA Pre-Employment Transition Services: Success in the Transition to Adult Roles for Students with Brain Injury”**

Speakers: Drew Nagele, PsyD, ABPP, CBIST-AP, FACRM, CESP and Allison Simms, BS, CESP

The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) was designed for youth between ages 14-21 who are still attending school. Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are offered through Group Services like Independent Living Skills training, Self-Advocacy Skills training, and Workplace Readiness training, and Individual Pre-ETS include job shadowing and work-based learning experiences. An example of how these services can be utilized will be presented by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Career Path Program, which provides individualized internships, community engagement, and employment training. Staff provide on-the-job coaching and guidance to participants to ensure that they learn needed job skills, social skills, and life skills to be successful in their adult lives.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM*

LUNCH BUFFET | EXHIBITS | POSTERS

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*

## SESSION #14

### **“Implementations and Outcomes of a Disorders of Consciousness Rehabilitation Program”**

Speakers: Nabela Enam, MD; Kevin Franzese, DO; and Gary Galang, MD

The merits of a disorders of consciousness (DOC) program will be discussed in this session, beginning with the identification of hospital patients meeting criteria (e.g., age, exam consistent with unresponsiveness, wakefulness or minimally conscious state, caregiver availability in the post-acute care setting). Patients are subsequently admitted for an intensive four to six-week rehabilitation course with rigorous stimulatory therapies and neuropharmacological titration to augment neuro-recovery as well as caregiver training and education. Co-management of common brain injury sequelae will be reviewed. Outcomes in DOC patients admitted since 2015 will be discussed, including overall recovery and discharge destination.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM*

## SESSION #15

### **“Caregiver Fatigue Following Traumatic Brain Injury”**

Speakers: Joshua Reinsburrow, MBA, BS, NREMT and Danelle Reinsburrow, MSW, LSW

In general, caregiver fatigue is a state of physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion that happens when caring for someone else. Following a traumatic brain injury, the circumstances and severity of the individual's brain injury can present overwhelming concerns. In this session, the brain injury survivor of a severe car accident will discuss the impact on his then eight-year-old son, who also sustained significant injuries in the accident in 2016, and on his family overall. Joshua (Josh) Reinsburrow (currently a candidate for a bachelor of science degree in nursing) and his wife, Danelle Reinsburrow (who is a licensed social worker) will discuss the caregiver challenges they have faced in the last eight years, which are ongoing. They will identify the various family issues, as their son is now 16 years old, and their daughter (who was not in the car accident) is now 10. They will summarize the resources they have accessed and their current needs. Mainly because he is a survivor AND a caregiver, Josh will discuss challenges he has faced while caregiving and the ways he and his wife have addressed them. They will share how they assist each other in addressing ongoing adjustment issues.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*

## SESSION #16

### **“Development of an Interdisciplinary Approach to Inpatient Pediatric Cognitive Rehabilitation, Targeting Function and Generalization”**

Speakers: Kathryn Schmus, MS, CCC-SLP; Jacqueline Conklin, MSOT, OTR/L; Emily DiVirgilio, PhD and Kathryn Ritchie, PhD

Minimal research is available regarding cognitive rehabilitation for the pediatric population. A systematic review of the evidence by Cicerone et al. in 2019 found that cognitive rehabilitation directed toward functional contexts, applying compensatory strategies, and generalization are most effective in improving everyday cognitive performance. However, it also found that many rehabilitation programs focus on domain-specific and deficit-specific interventions that do not allow for this generalization or functional context. Following the 2022 ACRM Cognitive Rehabilitation Model and the pediatric recommendations of Locasio & Slomine in 2018, the presenters will discuss the basic framework and structure of the ongoing development of the interdisciplinary cognitive rehabilitation program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The program is designed to promote the carryover of skills and strategies for improved independence upon return to school and previous roles and opportunities for improvement in this area. Case studies will illustrate intervention approaches and their relative benefits.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM*

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*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM*

## **SESSION #17**

### **“Pathways to Community Engagement After Brain Injury: The Exploration of Steps Towards Successful Employment or Volunteering”**

Speakers: Eduardo Jorge, MS, CBIS and Nicole Miller, BS, CBIS

This presentation will highlight key aspects of community engagement for individuals with brain injuries. It will address the impact of brain injury severity on return-to-work parameters and the challenges faced by individuals during re-entry into the workforce. The wide range of return-to-work rates and the complexities of predicting outcomes will be discussed. Case studies will illustrate intervention approaches and their relative benefits. The benefits of volunteering as a step in the vocational rehabilitation process or as a goal on its own merits will be discussed as well.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM*

## **SESSION #18**

### **“Building Blocks of Learning: Pediatric Brain Injury and School Strategies”**

Speaker: Brenda Eagan-Johnson, EdD, CBIST-AP

A child's brain differs significantly from an adult's brain. A child's brain matures over time during various neurodevelopmental stages. To appropriately support children and teens following a brain injury, one must first understand what happens to the young brain during intricate developmental spurts (also called critical or sensitive periods). Damage to the brain during specific growth phases can negatively impact skill acquisition, resulting in future learning and behavior problems. Chronic effects from a pediatric brain injury may not emerge for years. These effects can persist through adulthood, underscoring the importance of early identification, consistent communication with school staff, ongoing monitoring, and implementation of targeted school supports and services for optimal outcomes. School staff charged with supporting children and teens after a traumatic brain injury must understand how to first determine pre- and post-brain injury changes using medical, clinical, educational, and functional indicators to assist in selecting appropriate school and community-based supports and services.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM*

## **SESSION #19**

### **“Music Therapy During Pediatric Neurocritical Illness: The Data and the Day-to-Day Observations”**

Speakers: Jessica Jarvis, PhD, MT-BC and Brittany Meyer, MM, MT-BC, NICU-MT, NMT

This presentation will focus on the use of music therapy for children who are neurocritically ill. It will include an overview of the state of the field of music therapy, descriptions of ongoing clinical practice and research in music therapy with children who are ill, and indications/contraindications for music in the pediatric intensive care unit setting.



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 3:50 PM - 4:50 PM*

## SESSION #20

### **“Ways to Elicit Posttraumatic Growth and Enhanced Social Skills for Individuals with TBI”**

Speakers: Erica Devery, MSW, LSW, CBIST, CCTP; Patti Shutt, AA, CBIS and Ian Posh, BS, CBIS

The primary focus of this session will be on the predictors and processes associated with positive psychological outcomes throughout the continuum of care and brain injury rehabilitation. The five functional domains of posttraumatic growth (PTG) will be discussed: personal strength, spiritual and existential change, appreciation of life, new possibilities, and relating to others. The development, exploration, and creation of an intervention manual to elicit posttraumatic growth and enhanced social cognition in a rehabilitation setting will be shared with attendees.

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 3:50 PM - 4:50 PM*

## SESSION #21

### **“Short-Term Behavioral Health Strategies for Individuals with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion: An Integrative Approach”**

Speakers: Rebekka Dieterich-Hartwell, PhD, MA, BC-DMT, LPC; Emily McGuigen, MS and Yevgeniya Sergeyenko, MD, MPH

In this session, a short-term (three-week) interdisciplinary behavioral health approach specifically for individuals with mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and associated psychological symptoms will be discussed. We will cover behavioral health therapy methods such as eye movement desensitization reprocessing (EMDR) and narrative exposure therapy, and creative arts therapy methods, including art therapy and dance/movement therapy. We will describe how these approaches can be used together in clinical settings. In addition to presenting the theoretical foundation for each method and suggesting possible intersections overall, we will give clinical examples to illustrate the value of this interdisciplinary approach for veterans and first responders with mTBI and co-occurring posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

*Tuesday, June 25, 2024: 4:50 PM - 5:00 PM*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Speakers: Madeline DiPasquale, PhD, CBIST and Stefanie Bauman

Madeline DiPasquale and Stefanie Bauman, 2024 BIAPA conference co-chairs, will review the major themes and ideas presented during the conference. Their lively and energetic review will leave survivors feeling inspired to continue their journey of rehabilitation, recovery and life and other attendees re-energized to contribute to that mission.

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<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 7:00 AM-7:30 AM	<b>TAI CHI SESSION</b> Alexander Landefeld
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 7:30 AM-8:00 AM	<b>YOGA SESSION</b> Kelsey Palmer, MS, CTRS, CBIS
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 8:00 AM-9:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST BUFFET   EXHIBITS   POSTERS</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 9:05 AM-10:10 AM	<b>TUESDAY PLENARY</b> “Minds Matter: Seeing Concussion Through New Eyes” Christina L. Master, MD

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY & TIME	SESSION/PROGRAM
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 10:15 AM-11:15 AM	<b>SESSION #8</b> “Building Resilience and Increasing Community Participation Among Brain Injury Survivors: An Evidence-based, Multimodal Program Model” <b>Mary Brownsberger, PsyD, ABPP</b>
	<b>SESSION #9</b> “From Injury to Recovery: Evaluation and Treatment of Cognitive and Psychosocial Difficulties in Youth with Brain Injuries” <b>Katherine Baum, PhD, ABPP-CN</b>
	<b>SESSION #10</b> “Preparing for and Supporting Youth with Brain Injuries During the Transition From High School to Adult Living” <b>Doreen Milot, MEd, CBIS</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 11:15 AM-11:30 AM	EXHIBITS   POSTERS   CHECK OUT OF HOTEL
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 11:30 AM-12:30 PM	<b>SESSION #11</b> “Coping With Loss and Acceptance After Brain Injury: Survivor Panel” <b>Ann Marie McLaughlin, PhD</b>
	<b>SESSION #12</b> “Beyond the Playlist: The Rehabilitation Benefits of Music Therapy After Brain Injury” <b>Allison Broadderick, BS, MT-BC</b> <b>Miranda Murphy, BM, MT-BC</b>
	<b>SESSION #13</b> Using WIOA Pre-Employment Transition Services to Assist Students with Brain Injury Transition Successfully to Adult Roles <b>Drew Nagele, PsyD, ABPP, CBIST-AP, FACRM, CESP</b> <b>Allison Simms, BS, CESP</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 12:30 PM-1:30 PM	LUNCH BUFFET   EXHIBITS   POSTERS



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY & TIME	SESSION/PROGRAM
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 1:30 PM-2:30 PM	<b>SESSION #14</b> “Implementations and Outcomes of a Disorders of Consciousness Rehabilitation Program” Nabela Enam, MD Kevin Franzese, DO Gary Galang, MD
	<b>SESSION #15</b> “Caregiver Fatigue Following Traumatic Brain Injury” Joshua Reinsburrow, MBA, BS, NREMT Danelle Reinsburrow, MSW, LSW
	<b>SESSION #16</b> “Development of an Interdisciplinary Approach to Inpatient Pediatric Cognitive Rehabilitation, Targeting Function and Generalization” Kathryn Schmus, MS, CCC-SLP Jacqueline Conklin, MSOT, OTR/L Emily DiVirgilio, PhD Kathryn Ritchie, PhD
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 2:30 PM-2:45PM	BREAK   EXHIBITS   POSTERS
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 2:45 PM-3:45 PM	<b>SESSION #17</b> “Pathways to Community Engagement After Brain Injury: The Exploration of Steps Towards Successful Employment or Volunteering” Eduardo Jorge, MS, CBIS Nicole Miller, BS, CBIS
	<b>SESSION #18</b> “Building Blocks of Learning: Pediatric Brain Injury and School Strategies” Brenda Eagan-Johnson, EdD, CBIST-AP
	<b>SESSION #19</b> “Music Therapy During Pediatric Neurocritical Illness: The Data and the Day-to-Day Observations” Jessica Jarvis, PhD, MT-BC Brittany Meyer, MM, MT-BC, NICU-MT, NMT

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DAY & TIME	SESSION/PROGRAM
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 1:30 PM-2:30 PM	<b>SESSION #20</b> “Ways to Elicit Posttraumatic Growth and Enhanced Social Skills for Individuals with TBI Erica Devery, MSW, LSW, CBIST, CCTP Patti Shutt, AA, CBIS Ian Posh, BS, CBIS
	<b>SESSION #21</b> “Short-Term Behavioral Health Strategies for Individuals with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion: An Integrative Approach” Rebekka Dieterich-Hartwell, PhD, MA, BC-DMT, LPC Emily McGuigen, MS Yevgeniya Sergeyenko, MD, MPH
<b>Tuesday, June 25, 2024</b> 4:50 PM-5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS



# CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS/CREDITS INFORMATION 2024

This year the BIAPA conference committee has requested approval for a maximum of **11 contact hours** of general CE units/credits per attendee. There is no cost for a **General Certificate of Attendance**. Conference attendees and presenters who would like a General Certificate of Attendance must complete the **OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATION** and **return that evaluation** to the registration desk at the conclusion of their time at the conference. This would include certified brain injury specialists (CBIS). **Please write neatly.** If we cannot read your writing, you will not receive any credit for the CE.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS/CREDITS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THE DISCIPLINES LISTED BELOW:

- Occupational Therapists - \$45
- Physical Therapists - \$45
- Psychologists - \$75 (The cost for psychologists is more due to the significantly higher CE application fee).



o **APA Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology)** is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. APA Division 22 maintains responsibility for this program and its content. For more information about Division 22 or to inquire about membership, please visit [www.div22.org](http://www.div22.org).

o **Must sign-in and sign-out with session moderator documenting each session attended.**

- Registered Nurses - \$45
- Rehabilitation Nurses - \$45
- Social Workers & Licensed Professional Counselors - \$45
  - o **NASW-PA Chapter** is a co-sponsor of this conference. A maximum of 11 CEs will be awarded for full attendance of approved sessions. NASW has been designated as a pre-approved provider of professional continuing education for social workers (Section 47.36), marriage and family therapists (Section 48.36) and professional counselors (Section 49.36) by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.
- Speech Therapists - \$45

## ATTENDEES WANTING TO RECEIVE CEUS/CREDITS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Pay the CEU fee for your discipline.
- 2) Each day you attend, sign in at the CEU desk.
- 3) Attend sessions and complete the required documentation, plus the evaluation form for each session.
- 4) Return all evaluations **stapled together** to the registration desk at the end of each day you attend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Continuing education units were not requested for the yoga and tai chi sessions.

Conference certificates will be sent to the email we have on file by September 1, 2024. **Please be sure your email address is on your Conference Registration Form.**

*BIAPA is not responsible for attendees' receipt of credits. The award of continuing education credits is at the discretion of each governing organization. Refunds will NOT be given.*

# REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline to register is June 3, 2024

Full Name & Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any dietary restrictions or accomodation needs \_\_\_\_\_

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REGISTRATION TYPE	COST	TOTAL
Professional: Full Conference <i>I plan to attend the meals below:</i> MEALS: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Lunch	\$475	
Professional: One Day <i>I plan to attend the meals below:</i> DAY: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday OR <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday MEALS: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Lunch	\$325	
Survivor/Caregiver/Family Member/Student: Full Conference <i>I plan to attend the meals below:</i> MEALS: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Lunch	\$325	
Survivor/Caregiver/Family Member/Student: One Day <i>I plan to attend the meals below:</i> DAY: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday OR <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday MEALS: <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Lunch	\$175	
CEU/CE Fee (Please see Continuing Education Credit Information for 2024) LIST DISCIPLINE & ENTER COST: _____	\$ _____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED		



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☐ Check: payable to BIAPA   ☐ Credit card

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and submit form by mail or electronically by June 3, 2024.

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ATTN: Christine Schneider

947 Wayne Avenue, No. 110

Chambersburg, PA 17201



To register via our [online form](#) click below or scan the QR code:

# DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Help BIAPA plan future programs/services to be inclusive

To serve the brain injury community most effectively, we are requesting basic demographic information from persons with brain injury, care partners, and care professionals. The information collected will help us to plan and deliver future programs/services in an inclusive manner. The survey is anonymous—**please do not write your name on this form.**

Age \_\_\_\_\_

## Race and Ethnicity (Select all that apply)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native American or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ Choose not to say

## Geographic Location

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Suburban
- ☐ Rural

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## Military Status

**Are you active military or have you ever been active military?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Disability Status

**Do you have any accessibility requirements that you'd like us to be aware of?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Choose Not to Say

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-Binary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Prefer Not to Say
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Marital Status

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Living with Partner (unmarried)

**Would you like to include your spouse or partner in communications?**

*BIAPA offers Support Groups that might be of interest to them.*

If yes, add email address \_\_\_\_\_

# DONATE TO THE DAVID L. STRAUSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sponsor a brain injury survivor so they can attend the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania's 2024 Annual Conference: Creating Roadmaps for Brain Injury Rehabilitation: The Journey from Initial Treatment to Community Inclusion

## DONOR INFORMATION

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## SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

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# APPLY FOR A SURVIVOR/CAREGIVER 2024 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

**Return completed application no later than May 1, 2024**

Need help? Contact Christine Schneider at [Schneider@biapa.org](mailto:Schneider@biapa.org) or call 717.940.0976.

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JUNE 24-25, 2024

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LANCASTER, PA

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THE INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED NEATLY & ENTIRELY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:** ☐ Survivor ☐ Family Member ☐ Caregiver

**Have you received a scholarship in the past?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**\*\***(If you have received multiple scholarships, you may not be eligible to receive another scholarship)\*\*

**Do you currently receive SSI or SSDI?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Name of Additional Attendee traveling with the Applicant:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the additional attendee traveling with the applicant need funding also? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Expenses Carried Under the Scholarship**

- Conference registration for days you attend.
- Meals scheduled at the conference. Additional meals outside of the conference are not reimbursed.
- Scholarship may include overnight hotel accommodations, depending on available funding. Anyone receiving hotel accommodations will need to provide a credit card to the hotel for incidentals, such as parking, room service, in-room movie orders, etc. If you have questions about this, contact Christine Schneider

**Check the days you plan to attend the conference:**

☐ Monday, June 24, 2024      ☐ Tuesday, June 25, 2024

**Check only if you need Overnight Hotel Accommodations:**

☐ Sunday, June 23, 2024      ☐ Monday, June 24, 2024

**Transportation Costs:** Expenditures for transportation are not guaranteed. Applicants must live more than 50 miles away to request and be considered for travel stipend.

**Traveling By:**    ☐ Car    ☐ Bus    ☐ Train    ☐ Other      Estimated Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (gas, tickets, tolls)

**Special Accommodations:** (Accessible Overnight Room/Shower/Bathroom, Meal or Dietary, etc.)

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**Please explain why you need this scholarship:** (use additional page if needed).

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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