



**29th Annual Best Practices
in Brain Injury Services Conference**
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Wednesday, March 3, 2021

TIME	EVENT
8:30-8:40am	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i> Geoffrey Lauer, MA, Executive Director, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
8:40-9:40am	<i>“Impact of Brain Injury Among the Persons Who are Experiencing Homelessness”</i> Thomas W Tatlock, MD, Psychiatrist, BRAIN-Fox Valley Initiative, Appleton, WI
8:40-9:40am	<i>“The Neuro, Cognitive and Social Effects of COVID-19”</i> Dr. Fong, Clinical Director and Co-owner, Cognitive FX, Provo, UT
9:40-9:50am	Break
9:50-10:50am	<i>“Iowa’s Brain Injury Screening Tool and Practical Accommodations”</i> Jim Pender, MSW, LMSW, Brain Injury Grant Manager, Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines, IA Caitlin Synovec, OTD, OTR/L, BCMH, Occupational Therapist, National Healthcare for the Homeless Council, Nashville, TN
9:50-10:50am	<i>“Exploring the Impact of COVID-19 on Caregivers”</i> Megan Hartwig, CBIST, Brain Injury Program Director, Iowa Association of Community Providers, Urbandale, IA
9:50-10:50am	<i>“Understanding Changes to the Iowa Guardianship and Conservatorship Law”</i> Ross Barnett, Attorney, Abendroth Russell Barnett Law Firm, Urbandale, IA Gail Barnett, Attorney, Abendroth Russell Barnett Law Firm, Urbandale, IA
10:50-11am	Break
11am-12pm	<i>“Screening and Accommodations – Program Highlights in Idaho and Colorado”</i> Russ Spearman, MEd, Project Director, Rural Health Idaho State University, Meridian, ID Liz Gerdeman, MA, CBIST, Director, MINDSOURCE, Denver, CO
11am-12pm	<i>“Hypoxic and Anoxic Brain Injury”</i> Jeff Snell, PhD, Director of Psychology and Neuropsychology, QLI, Omaha, NE
11am-12pm	<i>“Community Living Ambassadors”</i> Tammie Amsbaugh, Program Manager, Center for Disabilities and Development, Iowa’s UCEDD, Iowa City, IA Michael Gillette, Muscatine, IA Josh Pruett, Runnells, IA Tyrome Launderville, Carroll, IA
12:00-12:10pm	Break
12:10-1:10pm	<i>“Screening and Accommodations – Program Highlights in Wisconsin”</i> Julie Biesterveld, BA, Traumatic Brain Injury Support Program Coordinator, SOAR Fox Cities, Inc, Appleton, WI Thomas W Tatlock, MD, Psychiatrist, BRAIN-Fox Valley Initiative, Appleton, WI
12:10-1:10pm	<i>“Solutions for Social Isolation and Hearing Problems”</i> Lori Sporer, Outreach Project Manager, Relay Iowa, Aurora, NE Dylan Heuer, Program Manager, Telecommunications Access Iowa, Des Moines, IA
12:10-1:10pm	<i>“Neuro Resource Facilitation Success”</i> Allison Andrews, BA, CBIS, Neuro Resource Facilitator, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
1:10-1:30pm	Q and A wrap up Time to complete evaluations
1:30pm	Dismiss



Thursday, March 4, 2021

TIME	EVENT
8:30-9:30am	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks with Director Garcia</i> Geoffrey Lauer, MA, Executive Director, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Kelly Garcia, MPA, Director, Iowa Department of Human Services and Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines, IA
9:30-10:30am <i>General Session</i>	<i>"Managing the Storms of Life"</i> Dr. James Coyle, GriefCare and Community Outreach Specialist, Cedar Memorial Iowa Cremation Companions for Life, Cedar Rapids, IA
10:30-10:40am	Break
10:40-11:40am <i>General Session</i>	<i>"TBI in Criminal Justice: (Hard) Lessons from Colorado"</i> Kim Gorgens, PhD, ABPP, Professor, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, CO
11:40-11:50am	Break
11:50am-12:50pm	<i>"Telerehabilitation Following Neurological Injury"</i> Nealey Hoffman, CCC/SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist, QLI, Omaha, NE Melissa Anderson, OTD, Occupational Therapist, QLI, Omaha, NE
11:50am-12:50pm	<i>"Challenges of Substance Use Disorder with Individuals with Brain Injury"</i> Annette Pearson, MS, LADC, CBIS, SUD Program Manager, Nystrom & Associates, Ltd, New Brighton, MN
11:50am-12:50pm	<i>"Iowa BI Programs/Services/Medicaid"</i> LeAnn Moskowitz, MPA, LTSS Policy Specialist, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, Des Moines, IA
12:50-1:00pm	Break
1:00-2:00pm	<i>"Administration for Community Living Employment Workgroup Establish Brain Injury Competencies"</i> Carla Lasley, Program Director of Community Services, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation, Lincoln, NE Laura Trexler, OTR, CBIS, Administration for Community Living Grant Clinical Program Manager, Northwest Brain Injury Center Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN
1:00-2:00pm	<i>"Disorders of Consciousness: Translating Guidelines and Competencies to Clinical Practice"</i> Dave Anders, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST, Clinical Director, On With Life, Ankeny, IA David Demarest, PhD, CBIST, Director of Psychology and Neuropsychology, On With Life, Ankeny, IA Abi Fortsch, MA, CCC-SLP, CBIS, Speech-Language Pathologist, On With Life, Ankeny, IA
1:00-2:00pm	<i>"Stroke Care in the Heartland"</i> Katie Cordes, MBA, BSN, National Senior Manager, American Heart Association, Cedar Rapids, IA
2:00-2:30pm	Q and A wrap up Time to complete evaluations
2:30pm	Dismiss



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Friday, March 5, 2021

TIME	EVENT
8:30-8:40am	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i> Geoffrey Lauer, MA, Executive Director, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
8:40-9:40am <i>General Session</i>	<i>"The Inner Resilience of a Survivor"</i> Danielle Brazant, Author/Speaker, Danielle Giving Light, Inc, Marion, IA
9:40-9:50am	Break
9:50-10:50am <i>General Session</i>	<i>"Women and BI"</i> Kim Gorgens, PhD, ABPP, Professor, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, CO
10:50-11am	Break
11am-12pm	<i>"A Call and Crossings - Cognitive Rehab and Psychotherapy"</i> Cher Stephenson, LMHC, CRC, Counselor, Stephenson Counseling, LLC, Cedar Rapids, IA Jon R Kerstetter, COL, MC, FS, Iowa National Guard (retired), Iowa City, IA
11am-12pm	<i>"Iowa's Brain Injury Screening Tool Development and Implementation"</i> Jim Pender, MSW, LMSW, Brain Injury Grant Manager, Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines, IA
11am-12pm	<i>"Wellness Resilience for Individuals and Families Impacted by Brain Injury"</i> Jennie Null, LMFT, RPT-S, Clinical Manager, Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids, IA
12:00-12:10pm	Break
12:10-1:10pm	<i>"Person-Centered Occupational Therapy Outreach Programming: Promoting Occupational Justice for People Experiencing Brain Injury"</i> Jill Schmidt, OTD, MS, OTR/L, CBIS, Program Director, Doctoral of Occupational Therapy Program, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA Angela McCombs, OTD, OTR/L, Clinical Associate Professor and Outreach Coordinator, Doctoral of Occupational Therapy Program, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA Kami Holst, OTD, OTR/L, CBIS, Assistant Professor, Doctoral of Occupational Therapy Program, St. Ambrose University, Davenport IA
12:10-1:10pm	<i>"I'm Not Limping That's Swagger – An Interview with Kelsey Tainsh"</i> Kelsey Tainsh, BS, Boston, MA
12:10-1:10pm	<i>"Brain Injury, Refugees, and Quality Care"</i> Alyssa Clayden, LISW, Executive Director, ABC'd Therapy and Consulting, LLC, Des Moines, IA
1:10-1:30pm	Q and A wrap up Time to complete evaluations
1:30pm	Dismiss