

BrainStorming December 2024

33rd Annual Best Practices in Brain Injury Services Conference Registration Open!





powerful Brain Injury Simulation Experience at our upcoming conference on Thursday, March 6, 2025 and Friday, March 7, 2025 in West Des Moines, lowa.

This hands-on experience will provide conference attendees with the opportunity to connect directly with survivors of brain injury and gain insight into the daily challenges they face. Survivors, alongside their caregivers (if they wish), will host simulation stations during conference meal and break times where they'll:

Share their stories: Describe specific symptoms and how these impact

Provide interactive activities: Offer brief, tangible experiences that simulate living with a brain injury.

Foster empathy and awareness: Engage attendees in meaningful conversations about the realities of living with a brain injury.

If you are a survivor and would like to participate, please fill out this form and submit your proposal for

consideration: https://forms.office.com/r/4VfP7spWSM.

Those chosen to participate in this opportunity will be eligible for a scholarship or discount on their conference registration.

▼ Together, let's increase awareness and empathy around living with a brain injury!

Brain Injury Resource Facilitation written by Alexis Tharp, BSW, BIAIA Neuro Resource Facilitator

If someone were to ask me what Brain Injury Resource Facilitation is, I would give the definition - a fee-free service offered by the Brain Injury Alliance of lowa to help people with brain injury and their families, caregivers, and community navigate medical and general life challenges after a brain injury.

However, if someone were to ask me what Brain Injury Resource Facilitation is on a deeper level, I would say, it is listening to your client cry while they talk about struggles they never thought would happen to them.

It is validating feelings while empathetically guiding them through next steps of their new normal.

It is being the encouragement someone needs to know they aren't alone.

It is being told how grateful someone is to know we are out there, doing the work we do.

Brain Injury Resource Facilitation is doing all the things.

The most fulfilling part is knowing we do something impactful on a daily basis.

Do you or someone you know have questions about Brain Injury Resource Facilitation? This service provides:

- ✓ phone based support for people with brain injury, their family members and chosen caregivers
- ✓ access to information, resources and support navigating systems here in lowa, right in your community
- ✓ professional supports that include access to training and educational resources, case consultation and even technical assistance for programs to become brain injury informed
- ✓ and more!

Consider following us on social media and sharing posts about the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa or forwarding our newsletter to someone you know that could benefit from Brain Injury Resource Facilitation supports and services today.

CEU opportunities now available for our webinars! Visit our <u>webinar page</u> to learn more and register.







Educational Topics Survey 📝

What topics related to brain injury would you like to see in upcoming webinars hosted by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa? Your feedback is valued and appreciated!

Participate in the survey.

Call for Webinar Proposals

The Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa is looking for presenters to deliver webinars on topics related to brain injury treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, and support. Presentations can target professionals or survivors and their loved ones.

Submit proposal





Neuro Resource Facilitators are available to serve lowans; to answer questions and connect those with a brain injury to resources and information. Learn more about this program. BIAIA is one call away.

BIAIA Satisfaction Survey











Our mission at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, advocacy, education, research and support. Join us on our platforms to obtain the latest and most relevant information pertaining to brain injury.