

A newsletter for the Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network and the Iowa Stroke Resource Network - professionals serving individuals impacted by brain injury

Annual Conference 2023 Recap

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in and supported our annual conference, earlier this month! There were 185 attendees and 19 exhibitors with a few new ones! The following are highlights and pictures!

Topics:

Person-Served Effort and Outcomes, Medicaid Updates, Social Determinants of Health and Brain Injury, Neurobehavioral Programming and Dignity, Working After Brain Injury, Learning Independence Through the Acquired Brain Injury Clubhouse Model, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Stroke

Awards:

*Tasnia Iqbal - Distinguished Public Service Award
Empower House (Mickey Owens, Missey Heinrichs, Kami Holst, and Claire Motto Steil) - Jean Kelly Professional of the Year
On With Life, Inc. - Organization of the Year
Brenda Easter - Jo Ann Kramer Founders Award*

General Conference Feedback:

"Great content and speakers"

"This was my first time and it was a great conference."

"I enjoyed learning so much."

"I thought the sessions were great and had a good variety of topics discussed. The speakers were very knowledgeable. This was my first in-person conference and I'm excited to return for next year's!"

All attendees have access to Whova until June 3rd 2023

Certificates of Attendance and CEUs coming soon!

Check out other upcoming events in our [Events page!](#)



Save the Date for 2024!!!

March 6 (Pre-Conference)

March 7- 8 2024 (Main Conference)

Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel & Conference Center
300 E. 9th St., Coralville, IA 52241

Behavioral Health and Brain Injury Webinar Series for Behavioral Health Service Providers and Partners

Iowa Health and Human Services Brain Injury Services Program and the University of Iowa Healthcare Center for Disabilities and Development is presenting The Behavioral Health (BH) & Brain Injury (BI) Webinar Series. This occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from April 2023 to September 2023, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm via Zoom. Sessions will be recorded and available for playback by request.

Download flyer [here](#).



Brain Injury Awareness Month

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month nationally, and in Iowa. We are proud to support Iowans impacted by brain injury through the work we do here at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. Earlier this month, a

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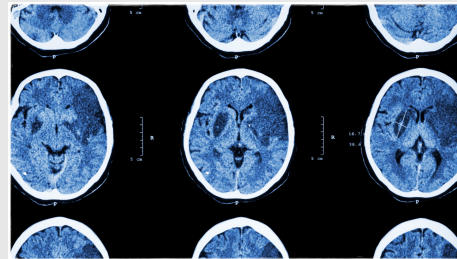


proclamation was signed declaring March as brain injury awareness month in Iowa.

#BrainInjuryAwarenessMonth #braininjury
#braininjuryatoz #braininjurysupport #BIAIA

New Resources and Hidden Gems from the NARIC collection

Funded research and development has examined the intersections of TBI and ethnicity, race, gender, and resources to support the diversity of TBI recovery. Read the [Full Article](#) to see some of the projects they are working on.



Mental & Behavioral Health Therapy in Iowa Life Connections

New IBIRN Partner Highlight

At Life Connections, skilled providers are trained to help Iowans make authentic, lasting connections with licensed, skilled providers. Their services extend throughout 13 Iowa offices, 5 clinics, and approved schools. Life Connections was founded in March of 2009 with the intent to serve the children and families of Iowa. They offer Mental Health therapy, Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS), Childrens Mental Health Waiver services, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), School Based Therapy, and Medication Management. Check them out at [LIFE CONNECTIONS](#)

Fraud Alert: Scammers Steal Money From the Public Through Fake HHS Websites and Social Media Schemes



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) is alerting the public to a fraud scheme that uses social media and fake websites to steal money from individuals by offering fake HHS grants. [Learn more.](#)

University of Pittsburgh
***Research Study: Tell us about your experiences with
rehabilitation after your child's brain injury***

The purpose of our study is to understand the caregiver perspective on use of rehabilitation services after pediatric traumatic brain injury. We will use this information to develop a new measure of rehabilitation use.

We are looking specifically for two more participants living in non-metro areas to complete interviews. Participants will receive a \$30 gift card for study completion. [Learn more.](#)

Stay Brain Injury Informed

Access over **100 educational webinars** on our [Youtube page!](#) Additionally, we offer a Brain Injury Fundamentals course and a Certified Brain Injury Specialist CBIS prep course. Contact us to learn more!

How Are We Doing?



[BIAIA Satisfaction Survey](#)

Tips for Professionals

Tip Sheets will continue to be added to our website for free download.
Access them [HERE!](#)

Neuro Resource Facilitation

Neuro Resource Facilitation is a fee-free service offered by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa to support people with brain injury, their family members, caregivers



and community navigate life after brain injury.

IBIRN & ISRN



BRAIN INJURY TOTE BAGS

Apply to become an IBIRN member, update membership information or request additional materials

[CLICK HERE.](#)



For additional information about ISRN, **[CLICK HERE.](#)** Similar to our Brain Injury Tote Bag, materials designed to provide lowans experiencing stroke informed of the latest resources and supports available. Stroke Resource Network members will receive materials to have on-hand to share with clients impacted by stroke.

Thank you to our corporate members! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our corporate members and corporate membership benefits.

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.



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