

CONFERENCE AGENDA

2021 LIFE WITH BRAIN INJURY “VIRTUAL” CONFERENCE

Thursday July 29, 2021

- 9:30-10:00 AM** Exhibitors/Sponsors
- 10:00-10:20 AM** Welcome: Joyce Davis, CBIS, Executive Director
Brain Injury Association of South Carolina
Elizabeth DuBose, DPT, CBIS, SC BILC Chairperson, Past
President BIASC
- 10:20-10:30 AM** Break
Music and Video “Made Over”
Written by Carolann Newton
- 10:30- 11:30 AM** Keynote: *Mindfulness 2021*
Sheldon Herring, PhD
This session will provide a model for application of a self-awareness and mindfulness model for professionals working in the field of neurological rehabilitation.
- 11:30- 11:45 AM** Break/Exhibitors/Sponsors
- 11:45AM-12:45 PM** *Stress Management and Self-Care during a Pandemic*
Tanya Lambert, OTR/L, CBIS
This presentation is to provide methods and resources to manage the current situation of isolation, loneliness, stress and health during a Covid-19 pandemic.
- 12:45- 1:30 PM** Lunch
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- 1:45- 2:45 PM** ***The West End Co-op: A Real World Application of Occupation-Based Practice for Clients with Acquired Brain Injury (AKA South Carolina's Best Kept Secret)***
Kimbo Bridges, OTD-OTR/L, CBIS
This is an overview of the West End Co-op where rehabilitation meets the real world. The who, what, where, how, and why are all answered in this presentation.
- 2:45- 3:00 PM** **Break/Exhibitors/Sponsors**
- 3:00-4:00 PM** ***Acting on Impulse 2020: Creativity as a Coping Mechanism***
Kay Brooks, MA, CBIST
Mallory Pellegrino, Director of Education, The Warehouse Theatre
This presentation will review the Acting on Impulse model for 2020 showing how consistent community during the quarantine was created and safely came together to produce a virtual production. It will include viewing a portion of the production and discussion on how working on the project benefitted emotional and mental health.
- 4:00- 4:05 PM** ***End of Day Announcements***
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Hannah Summer, MSP, CCC-SLP, CBIS
Taylor Sustarsic, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS
People with brain injury frequently experience deficits in the area of social skills. Social skills are crucial for establishing and maintaining relationships, re-entering work/community, and advocating for needs. This session will provide basic principles for recognizing, defining, and improving social skills for brain injury survivors, providers, and family members.
- 11:30- 11:45 AM** Break/Exhibitors/Sponsors
- 11:45AM-12:45 PM** Keynote: *Supported Decision Making: Forging New Traditions for Support*
Tina M. Campanella, *Chief Executive Officer, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities*
Supported Decision-Making (SDM) has become increasingly recognized as an option for decision-making assistance for many people who may have difficulty with decision-making including people with disabilities and people as they age. There remains much work to be done to foster the widespread use of SDM as a preferred alternative because of the tradition of using legal guardianship as a solution. This session will explore the foundational principles of the Supported Decision-Making approach and practical strategies

for supporting people to improve and retain decision-making skills and authority in life. Some of the practical, legal and policy issues that may need to be navigated for SDM to work well as a support for many people will also be addressed and explored.

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COVID-19: Are we there yet?

Saria Saccocio, MD, MHA

2020 kicked off the coronavirus odyssey worldwide, changing our lives, perception of public health, and the impact of the word pandemic on society as we know it. Experience a viral look back of detection, evolution of treatment, and the race to prevention through vaccination. Is it over yet, or will we adapt to living with COVID-19 as we have other deadly pathogens?

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Including Youth with Learning Disabilities in the Three R's of Concussion Management: Return-to-School, Return-to-Learn, Return-to-Play

Ashley Harbin, PhD, CBIS

Katie Zenger, MPH

Students with identified learning disabilities are at a greater risk for difficulty returning to learn or returning to play. Often these students are the ones that have more difficulty focusing and participating in school-based activities on a regular basis. This training will provide practical application and instruction on concussion management for youth with learning disabilities, specifically as it relates to return-to-school, return-to-learn, and return-to-play, to prepare teachers and administration for success.

This is a pre-recorded presentation with a LIVE Q&A session with Dr. Ashley Harbin and Katie Zenger post-recording.

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TBI: Communication Challenges and Solutions

Carol Page, PhD, CCC-SLP, ATP, CBIS

Many people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) struggle with communication challenges. The loss of function varies from person to person. Recovery depends on the individual's personality, pre-injury skills, and the extent of the brain damage. This presentation will look at how TBI affects communication and remediation strategies including augmentative and alternative communication.

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