

# 2021 Life with Brain Injury Virtual Conference

## Request for Proposals

Brain Injury Association of South Carolina (BIASC) and South Carolina Brain Injury Leadership Council (SCBILC) will host the annual statewide conference, *Life with Brain Injury Conference*, on Thursday, July 29 and Friday, July 30, 2021, via Zoom. The conference is open to professionals, individuals with brain injury, family members, caregivers, and other interested persons. This year's conference will be offered nationally. We invite you to share your expertise in the field of brain injury services by submitting a proposal to be a session presenter at our conference.

BIASC is a nonprofit organization that was developed by persons with brain injury, their families and concerned professionals to provide information and support to those who have experienced a brain injury. BIASC is a chartered affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America. Our mission is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy. For more information, please visit [www.biaofsc.com](http://www.biaofsc.com), email [coordinator@biaofsc.com](mailto:coordinator@biaofsc.com), or call 1-803-731-9823 or 1-877-TBI-FACT.

SCBILC is the state's advisory body on brain injury as mandated under the federal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Act of 1996. It serves as an active forum for addressing systems issues, service gaps, funding constraints and public awareness related to brain injury. The mission of SCBILC is to provide leadership and empowerment to persons with brain injury by promoting a range of accessible services that are responsive to their needs.

The 2021 Life with Brain Injury conference will provide a forum for the exchange of information on programs, resources, and best practices in brain injury rehabilitation and services. The conference presentation topics need to address all types of brain injuries. Proposals should be applicable to a broad audience, and not specific to South Carolina residents. However, presentations on programs offered in SC that others may be interested in duplicating are welcome. There will be opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors to provide information about their brain injury services and resources through short videos or mini presentations. These may be SC specific or national. Space will be limited. More information will be given later.

Individuals interested in presenting at this conference should submit proposals by **Sun., Feb. 28, 2021**. The presentation time will be 45-50 minutes with 10-15 minutes for questions and answers, total of 1 hour. Speakers will need to have reliable web camera and internet to provide presentation via Zoom.

The attached form should be submitted to [coordinator@biaofsc.com](mailto:coordinator@biaofsc.com). Early proposals will receive priority scheduling (Thurs. or Fri., AM or PM). The conference planning committee will review each proposal. Final decisions will be made by the committee based on the number of proposals received and the slots available for presentations. You will be notified regarding the status of your proposal.

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the Life with Brain Injury Conference!

Sincerely,

Workforce Development Committee

## 2021 Life with Brain Injury Conference Proposal

Please note: Unless your proposal is to do Brain Injury 101 (introduction to brain injury), please assume participants have knowledge of brain injury, so you should not address basic brain injury information in your proposal/presentation.

Presenter(s) contact information:

Name and credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Title of Presentation
2. Overview of presentation (not to exceed 50 words)
3. Presentation objectives
4. Intended audience (clinical, case managers, social workers, brain injury survivors, caregivers)
5. Preferred scheduling time (AM or PM) and Thursday or Friday
6. Speaker(s) Bio (4-5 Sentences)