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Concussion Regulations, Behavior Implications & Pediatric Therapy to be Addressed at Pediatric Brain Injury Conference, Thurs., Nov. 3

Behavior implications for children with brain injuries as well as tips and strategies for school personnel and parents will be included in seminars during the Annual Pediatric Brain Injury Conference, to be held on Thursday, November 3, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough. Sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) in conjunction with Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Wingate Healthcare and Braintree & New England Rehabilitation Hospitals, the conference is intended for medical professionals, teachers, athletic directors, coaches and parents. CEUs are offered.

“Brain injury does not discriminate against individuals of any age,” says Arlene Korab, Executive Director of BIA-MA. “Therefore, it is important to discuss research and advances on pediatric brain injury—a group that may require different therapies and aids during diagnosis, recovery and returning to normal activities.”

Workshops include:

- *Tips and Strategies for School Personnel and Parents*
- *The Effect of Brain Injury on Vision—from Symptoms to Treatment*
- *Implementing 105 CMR 201: Regulations for Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Athletic Activities*
- *Therapeutic Approaches to Self Management*

Keynote Speaker and Neurologist Dr. Ellen Deibert of Berkshire Brain Injury and Neurological Services will present on different types of concussion, diagnostic tools and recovery issues from the neurologist’s perspective.

Participants will have the opportunity to purchase the award-winning *Play Smart: Understanding Sports Concussion* video that teaches coaches, parents and students essential knowledge on sports concussions with personal testimonies and expert advice.

For more information on the conference or to register, go to www.biama.org or call 508-475-0032.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is a private, non-profit organization that provides support to brain injury survivors and their families, offers programs to prevent brain injuries, and educates the public on the risks and impact of brain injury.