



ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Educational Programs

How to Communicate with Persons with Acquired Brain Injury

Date & Time:	Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm
Register:	www.biama.org/abiprograms (Additional information found on website)
Venue:	Live webinar via ZOOM
Faculty:	Therese O'Neil-Pirozzi, Sc.D., CCC-SLP
CEs/CEUs:	None

BIA-MA is pleased to announce the new, complimentary ABI Workforce Development Series. This series is supported by a grant awarded to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Workforce Development Grant Program. There is no fee for these virtual programs.

Description of Training:

Communication is an active process by which people exchange information, ideas, needs, and desires. Communication requires a sender and a receiver. It involves encoding a concept (the sender), transmitting that concept (the sender), and decoding the intended concept (the receiver). Communication breakdowns are common after such acquired brain injuries (ABIs) as anoxia, stroke, traumatic brain injury, and tumor. This presentation will focus on the steps involved in successful communication, causes of ABI communication breakdowns, and strategies to prevent as well as repair such breakdowns in everyday life.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- List the steps involved in successful communication.
- Describe common everyday communication breakdowns caused by anoxia, aphasia, traumatic brain injury, and tumor.
- Explain evidence-supported strategies to prevent and to repair communication breakdowns in everyday life situations.

Faculty: Therese O'Neil-Pirozzi, Sc.D., CCC-SLP

Dr. O'Neil-Pirozzi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northeastern University. She is also research faculty in the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital/Harvard Medical School Traumatic Brain Injury Model System. Dr. O'Neil-Pirozzi is a skilled and experienced rehabilitation clinician and researcher who has worked with individuals with neurological disorders for more than 20 years. She is the author/co-author of numerous peer-reviewed publications, spanning a broad range of topic areas regarding the assessment and treatment of cognitive-communication impairments, including homeopathic treatment of mild traumatic brain injury and cognitive-behavioral orthotics, as well as cross-cultural caregiver and survivor responses to brain injury. Dr. O'Neil-Pirozzi is a long-time collaborator/partner of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.



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