



# ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

## Educational Programs

### Aphasia and Other Communication Disorders: Assessment and Treatment

- Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 12:30 – 4:00 pm (starting promptly)
- Registration:** Online at [www.biama.org/abiprograms](http://www.biama.org/abiprograms)
- Venue:** Live Webinar via ZOOM
- Agenda:** The agenda for this training is posted on [www.biama.org/abiprograms](http://www.biama.org/abiprograms)
- Cancellations:** In the event the educational program is cancelled, information will be posted to our website or email sent to registered attendees.

**Cost of program:** This free course 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 cost to attendees.

**Faculty:** Therese M. O’Neil-Pirozzi, ScD, CCC-SLP. Speech-Language Pathologist; Associate Professor; Spaulding/Harvard TBI Model System Research Faculty.

**This activity offers Continuing Education Credit for:** Nurses (ANCC), Audiologists/Speech-Language Pathologists (ASHA CEUs), Psychologists (APA), Case Managers (CCMC Application Submitted), Social Workers (ASWB), Licensed Mental Health Counselors (MaMHCA Application Submitted), Rehabilitation Counselors (CRCC), Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)

**Description of Training:** Communication is an active process by which people exchange information, ideas, needs, and desires. Communication requires a sender and a receiver. Communication disorders 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; characteristics and assessment of common communication disorders post-ABI, including aphasia; and treatment approaches to maximize communication with persons post-ABI.

**Learning Objectives:** Upon completion of this training, program participants will be able to:

1. List the steps involved in successful communication from sender and receiver perspectives.
2. Describe common communication disorders caused by anoxia, stroke, traumatic brain injury, and tumor.
3. Discuss approaches to assessment of communication disorders post-ABI.
4. Explain evidence-supported strategies and techniques to prevent and to repair communication breakdowns in everyday life situations.



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**Faculty Bio:** Dr. O’Neil-Pirozzi is an Associate Professor in the Northeastern University Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is also research faculty in the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital/ Harvard Medical School Traumatic Brain Injury Model System. Dr. O’Neil-Pirozzi has worked with individuals with neurological disorders for more than 20 years. She is the author/co-author of numerous peer-reviewed publications, regarding the assessment and treatment of cognitive-communication impairments following acquired brain injury, with an emphasis on brain health, cognitive exercise, and neuroplasticity; return to work; and cross-cultural caregiver and survivor responses to acquired brain injury. Dr. O’Neil-Pirozzi is a long-time collaborator/partner of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.

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**Accommodations for the Differently Abled:** We want to provide the best learning experience for everyone. In compliance of the ADA, should you require any accommodation to fully participate in this training, please contact [education@biama.org](mailto:education@biama.org) or call 508-475-0032.

**Target Audience:** Addiction Professionals, Audiologists, Case Managers, Certified Brain Injury Specialists, Certified Brain Injury Trainers, Family Counselors, Mental Health Clinicians, Neuropsychologists, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Psychologists, Recreation Therapists, Rehabilitation Counselors, Social Workers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Program Directors/Managers of residential, day and other programs that serve persons with ABI.

### Continuing Education Credits:

- Satisfactory Completion Requirement – A certificate of completion will be available digitally after registration, active attendance at the complete presentation, and submission of completed evaluation. There is no partial credit offered.
- It is the participants’ responsibility to check with their individual state boards to verify Continuing Education credit requirements for their state and licensure.

- Accreditation Statement: In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by CME Outfitters, LLC and the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. CME Outfitters, LLC is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



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- Nurses: This activity is designated for 3.0 nursing contact hours.
- Psychologists: Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs. CME Outfitters, LLC designates this live activity for 3.0 contact hours. APA Instructional level of this activity: Introductory.



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- **IPEC Credit:** This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 3 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.



- **Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists:** This training is offered for 0.3 ASHA CEUs (Introductory, Professional level).



Massachusetts Speech-Language  
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Introductory Level  
0.30 ASHA CEUs

- **Addiction Professionals (NAADAC):** The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts has applied as an approved education provider for continuing education credits through NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. Approval pending.

- **Case Managers:** Application has been submitted for Case Managers through The Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide 3.0 continuing education credits to CCMC Board Certified Case Managers (CCMs).



- **Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC):** Application for MaMHCA continuing education credits for LMHC has been submitted. Please contact [education@biama.org](mailto:education@biama.org) or call 508-475-0032 for the status of LMHC CE certification.

- **Rehabilitation Counselors (CRC):** Application for CRCC continuing education credits for CRC, CCRC, CRC-CAC, and CRC-CS has been submitted and preapproved. Please contact [education@biama.org](mailto:education@biama.org) or call 508-475-0032 for further details.

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**Faculty:**

Therese M. O'Neil-Pirozzi, ScD, CCC-SLP discloses:

Financial Disclosures - receives honoraria from Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, and salaries from Northeastern University and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

Non financial disclosures - affiliation with Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts in advisory and educational capacities; member of Executive Board for the Massachusetts Speech-Language Hearing Association

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