Welcome!

Nicole M. Godaire, CBIS, BIA-MA Executive Director

Thank you so much for your interest in BIA-MA's 37th Annual Brain Injury Conference being held on March 29, 2018. Each year this conference provides a platform for professionals, survivors and families to educate and learn about new developments in the brain injury field. I hope you enjoy this year’s conference.

Commissioner Toni Wolf, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Toni A. Wolf became the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) in July 2017. Commissioner Wolf, or Toni as she prefers to be called, comes to MRC after spending thirty years as a catalyst of change in the non-profit sector. Toni’s experience serving the disability community and passion for empowering consumers provides a tremendous opportunity to lead MRC into the future.

Toni attended the University of Arizona. After completing a five-year degree in special education, teaching, and rehabilitation counseling, she traveled the world to better understand peer support and cultural appreciation. Toni has been a trailblazer in the mental health community for forty years. Her worldwide travels taught her to embrace the voice of brain injury survivors, family members, and caregivers in order to better understand, and be responsive to their needs and concerns.

During her presentation, the Commissioner will: Share her knowledge, life experiences, and goals for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission; Highlight the need to serve all disabilities across the Commonwealth; Identify the gaps that exist for brain injury survivors diagnosed with mental health illnesses; and summarize her plan for employment and living in the community.

Jordan Burnham, Keynote Speaker

Depression and Suicide Attempt: Brought Back to Life

Jordan Burnham is a public speaker and nationally recognized mental health advocate who experienced a head injury after a suicide attempt in 2007. Jordan has been presenting his story all over the country for the last 8 years and his passion is to bring awareness and hope for those living with mental health issues.

“When I was diagnosed with depression, I saw that as a negative label, which led me to reject it. By not accepting that it was a treatable disease, I didn’t seek help or cope with it. I never thought that ignoring my mental health disorder would lead me to attempt suicide, but that’s exactly what happened. Now, I had another label to face. I had two options: I could continue to ignore my depression and risk more negative effects, or I could accept it and seek treatment. I decided on the latter. “Depression” and “suicide survivor” stopped being labels and became seeds of development. I came to realize that neither of these define who I am as a person, so when I was given the opportunity to tell my story, I did, and have continued to do so for ten years. My hope is that by sharing my experience, others will have a better understanding of depression, suicide, and the importance of healthy coping mechanisms.”

Jordan shares his story in hopes that it will inspire people affected by mental disorders and mental health issues, and help them cope with what they’re going through. He has been featured in Sports Illustrated and USA Today and featured on ESPN’s E:60 and Outside the Lines. He has spoken in 32 different states and 3 different countries. He currently lives outside of Philadelphia and enjoys golfing and writing.
Who Should Attend:
Professionals, family members, caregivers, survivors of brain injury, and anyone affected by brain injury.

The Venue:
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA  01752, (508) 460-0700, www.rplazahotels.com. A block of discount rooms is available for conference attendees at $139. Please contact the Best Western by March 16th to book one of these rooms. Continental breakfast, refreshments, and lunch will be provided.

Conference Schedule:

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<td>7:00am - 8:00am</td>
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| 8:00am - 8:15am | **Welcome:**  
Nicole Godaire, CBIS, BIA-MA Executive Director  
Cynthia Cardeli, BIA-MA Director of Programs & Services |
| 8:15am - 10:00am | **Morning Remarks:** Commissioner Toni Wolf  
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission  
**Keynote:** Jordan Burnham  
“Depression and Suicide Attempt: Brought Back to Life” |
| 10:00am - 10:30am | **Break:** Networking & Refreshments                                  |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm | **Session I:** Workshops 1-10                                         |
| 12:00pm - 12:15pm | **Break:** Networking                                                  |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm | **Lunch in the Main Ballroom & Zachary’s Restaurant**                  |
| 1:15pm - 2:45pm | **Session II:** Workshops 11-20                                       |
| 2:45pm - 3:00pm | **Break:** Networking & Refreshments                                  |
| 3:00pm - 4:30pm | **Session III:** Workshops 21-30                                      |
| 4:30pm - end   | **Professionals Sign Out for CEUs**                                   |

Conference Committee:

Beth Pusey, Chair  
Cynthia Cardeli  
Nicole M. Godaire, CBIS  
Ruth Crowley, MS, CCC-SLP  
Danna Delaney-Young, CBIS  
Courtney de Lacy, Ed.M.  
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Dana Harthorne  
Kenneth Hughes  
Marine Johanson, LPN  
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Jennette Lewis, CTRS  
Janet McBride-Roy, CTRS, CBIS  
Daniel Meninger, MSPT  
Zelinda Pereira, CBIS  
Rebecca Pritchard, MS, OTR/L, CSRS  
Joseph Ricciardi, PsyD, ABPP, BCBA-D, CBIS-T  
Stacey Sirotta, MS, DPT, CBIS  
Helen Stewart, RN, CBIS
Continuing Education

Continuing Education Credits:

Credits are offered in the registration price in the following fields:

- Audiologists
- Case Managers*
- Certified Brain Injury Specialists and Trainers
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Psychologists
- Recreational Therapists*
- Rehabilitation Counselors*
- Social Workers
- Speech-Language Pathologists

*Applications for these CEUs have been submitted.

Commonwealth Educational Seminars (CES) provides credits (in part) for the following clinical fields:

**Licensed Mental Health Counselors in Massachusetts:** As an American Psychological Association approved provider, CES is entitled to grant continuing education credit to Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs) in Massachusetts. CES maintains responsibility for this program and its content. LMHCs completing this conference will receive 6.0 continuing education credit hours.

**Nurses:** As an American Psychological Association approved provider, CES programs are accepted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Every state Board of Nursing accepts ANCC approved programs except California and Iowa, however CES is also an approved Continuing Education provider by the California Board of Registered Nursing, (Provider Number CEP15567) which is also accepted by the Iowa Board of Nursing. Nurses completing this conference will receive 6.0 continuing education credit hours.

**Psychologists:** Commonwealth Educational Seminars (CES) is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to offer continuing education credit programs. Commonwealth Educational Seminars maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Psychologists completing this conference will receive 6.0 continuing education credit hours.

**Social Workers:** CES provider #1117, is approved as a provider for Social Work Continuing Education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. CES maintains responsibility for the program. ASWB approval period: 10/5/15 – 10/5/18. Social Workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval. Social Workers completing this conference will receive 6.0 continuing education credit hours.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) provides CEUs for the following professions:

**Audiologists & Speech-Language Pathologists:** This course is offered for .6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area). Information pertaining to the speaker’s financial and non-financial relationships can be found on the BIA-MA website at www.biama.org/annualconference.

To obtain your Continuing Education Credits professionals must SIGN IN, ATTEND THE FULL TRAINING, AND SIGN OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY. Evaluations must be submitted online to receive continuing education credits. For more information on continuing education, please visit www.biama.org/annualconference.

A Certificate of Attendance showing hours attended will be awarded online to all participants upon completion of online evaluations.

Franciscan Children’s is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.
**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

To register go to: biama.org/annualconference

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REGISTRATION IS BASED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS
NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

- Cancellations on or before March 1st will receive a full refund. Cancellations between March 2nd and 16th will be charged a 35% administrative fee deducted from the refund. Cancellations after March 16th will not receive a refund.
- Conference registration includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments, educational workshops, and continuing education credits.
- Scholarships are available for survivors of brain injury for a fee of $10. Printed registration forms are available upon request.

Questions? Contact BIA-MA (508) 475-0032 or email bpusey@biama.org

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**BECOME A BIA-MA MEMBER!**

**Membership Benefits**

- ALL members receive: Discounts to The Annual Brain Injury Conference, emails for advocacy alerts, event invitations, and news updates; Subscriptions to BIA-MA’s hardcopy quarterly newsletter (“Heads Up headlines”) and BIAA’s online magazine (“THE Challenge”). The Family/Caregiver membership includes these benefits for FOUR members.

- In addition to the above, Professional Plus and Professional members receive invitations and discounts to our professional events such as the ABI Clinical Series and ACBIS. Professional Plus members ALSO receive a hardcopy subscription to “The Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation”.

**Membership Levels**

- Professional Plus $125     
- Professional $75
- Individual $35
- Family/Caregiver $50
- Brain Injury Survivor $5

You can join or renew on the Annual Conference registration form or on www.biama.org/membership
1. Evidenced Based Interactions to Improve Walking Speed and Function

Intended Audience: All
Gwendolyn Larsen, PT, MSPT, NCS, and Elise Jackson, PT, DPT: both Physical Therapists at Community Rehab Care
Description: Walking speed is an important indicator of safe ambulation as well as the ability to access the home and community environments, and is therefore frequently a goal of PT following an acquired brain injury. A review of the research will be provided with case study examples showing how to implement some of the most effective interventions.

2. Establishing Positive Relationships and Enjoying Sexuality After Traumatic Brain Injury

Intended Audience: All
Stanley Ducharme, Ph.D., Clinical Rehabilitation Psychologist and Diplomat in Sex Therapy, Boston Medical Center, Boston University School of Medicine
Description: This workshop will be conducted as a dialogue between participants and the presenter. The content will focus on building and sustaining healthy relationships after brain injury. The presence of such relationships can contribute to resilience, emotional support, and adaptability. In addition, issues related to sexual functioning, sexual desire and sexual expression on both a physical and psychological level will be discussed.

3. Top 10 Apps Used by College Students with TBI

Intended Audience: All
Amanda Nardone, CBIS, OTS and Karen Jacobs, Ed.D, OT, OTR, CPE, FAOTA: both from Boston University, Project Career
Description: This workshop will highlight Project Career, a program that provides undergraduate students with TBI cognitive support technology (iPad and apps) and individualized case management services. In their 5th year together they will be sharing the positive outcomes of this program, and which apps have been the most beneficial.

4. Incorporating Mental Imagery into Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Intended Audience: All
Kristen Carlson, PT, DPT, CSRS, CBIS, and Lisa Theroux, PT, DPT, CSRS: both from Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Network
Description: This workshop is designed to educate clinical professionals and survivors on the rehabilitation technique of mental imagery, a vital component to the recovery process. The presentation will highlight the recent research supporting the use of mental imagery in clinical practice. It will also showcase treatment techniques to facilitate the creation of a beneficial program.

5. Brain Injury Community Center: A New Model of Day Services

Intended Audience: All
Kimberley St. Pierre, Director of Operations Day Services and Michelle Martin, Program Director at New Start Brain Injury Community Center and Laura Humphries, Case Manger, New Start Brain Injury Community Center: all from BAMSI, Inc.; David A. Kopczynski, Jr., Program Coordinator Supervisor, Statewide Head Injury Program/Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission; Danelle Lashus and Doug Lashua, Members of New Start Brain Injury Community Center
Description: This workshop will provide the background of the Brain Injury Community Center model. It will include content about how the center came to be, what a work ordered day looks like, data outcomes, statistics of the continued and sustained engagements, and personal experience outcomes from members themselves.
6. Acute vs. Chronic TBI: Factors that Impact Functional Improvements  
Intended Audience: All 
Stephanie Gilbert, MS, CCC-SLP and Amy Karas, MS, CCC-SLP: both Speech Language Pathologists at Community Rehab Care; Therese O’Neil-Pirozi, ScD, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathology Program Director and Associate Professor at Northeastern University and Associate Project Director at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital 
Description: It is widely believed that individuals with chronic TBI make less functional progress than individuals with acute TBI. This often results in reduced access to skilled therapy. This workshop compares objective and functional improvements between individuals with acute versus chronic TBI in a post-acute rehab setting. Discussion includes the impact of neuroplasticity and community-based intervention on both group’s functional outcomes.

7. Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) Independence Program: A Community-Based Integrated Model of Care for Post 9/11 Veterans  
Intended Audience: All 
Amanda Swensen, MSW, CBIS, Independence Program Specialist, Wounded Warrior Project; Danna Delaney-Young, CBIS, Independence Program Case Manager and Mary Roach, MA, CBIS, Independence Program Case Manager: both from Neuro-Rehab Management, Inc. 
Description: Veterans attempting to re-integrate into their communities face significant challenges if not provided the necessary community-based supports that are needed during this transition. The WWP Independence Program offers an integrated model of care. This workshop will help participants understand the resiliency of the veterans and their caregivers by reviewing data from metrics collection and through a case study demonstrating service effectiveness.

8. Feed Your Brain: Nutrition and its Role in Brain Injury Recovery  
Intended Audience: All 
Demsina Babazadeh, MPH, RD, LDN, Registered Clinical Dietician, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network 
Description: This workshop will provide an overview of the most up-to-date, practical, and evidence-based guidelines to optimize brain injury recovery through food.

Intended Audience: All 
JoAnne Woods Young, M.Ed. 
Description: In this workshop, practical and effective strategies will be taught to help live your life fully and completely. The workshop will have the audience identify areas of their life that may need some shifting and demonstrate a hands-on approach to the techniques that can be used immediately. These techniques can create a place of power within and reduce daily stress.

10. The Healing Arts: Rehabilitation Through Creative Expression  
Intended Audience: All 
Charles Li Markham, Site Manager and Nancy Howard, BFA, MLA and Carol Ostiguy-Finneran, LMHC, Assistant Clinical Director: all from ServiceNet 
Description: The presentation will include the use of various art forms used to enhance the process of rehabilitation. Dance and movement, music and singing, writing and other creative forms of expression will be discussed. The presentation will include a dance demonstration, music performed by Enrichment Center participants, and a display of art.
11. The Hidden Victims of Traumatic Brain Injuries: Women Subjected to Intimate Partner Violence

**Intended Audience:** Professionals

Eve Valera, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School, Research Scientist, Massachusetts General Hospital

**Description:** This workshop will inform the audience about traumatic brain injuries occurring in intimate-partner violence (IPV); present information on prevalence rates as well as cognitive, psychological and neural correlates of these TBIs; and provide information on identifying possible TBIs and tips to help ensure more efficacious interventions when working with this population.

12. Therapeutic Intervention - Life After Injury

**Intended Audience:** All

Kevin Domingos, Ph.D., Clinical Neuropsychologist, Boston Neuropsychological Services, LLC

**Description:** This workshop will help professionals learn how to use neuropsychological models and data to help guide the therapy process following TBI/ABI. It will also help clients and families build a therapeutic toolbox.

13. Physical and Cognitive Rehabilitation for Military Services Members and Veterans Following TBI

**Intended Audience:** Professionals

Erika Clark, Ph.D. and Mary Alexis Iaccarino, MD: both from Home Base, A Red Sox Foundation, and Massachusetts General Hospital Program

**Description:** Many post-9/11 veterans with TBI have difficulties with chronic pain, cognition, and mental health. In this workshop, methods to evaluate the physical and cognitive challenges presented by mTBI will be outlined. The most current evidenced-based treatments from cognitive rehabilitation, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and vestibular therapy will be reviewed as a multidisciplinary approach.

14. Ambiguous Loss: Living Well with it, Supporting Others in It

**Intended Audience:** All

Tammy McLeod and Patrick McLeod, Chaplains, Harvard University

**Description:** What is ambiguous loss? What stresses does it place on individuals, couples and families? How can we better live with the co-existence of having and not having someone the way we once did? This interactive workshop will encourage open discussion about ambiguous loss and living with it while supporting others in it.

15. Functional Neurology: Assessment and Treatment of Post-Concussion Syndrome

**Intended Audience:** Professionals


**Description:** This workshop will review vestibular, oculomotor, and somatosensory systems to determine functional rehabilitation strategies in a brain-based approach. The importance of unique and customized treatment plans based on diagnostic assessments will be discussed in a case study format.
16. Successful Cognitive-Communication Rehabilitation for Young Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury

Intended Audience: All
Natalie Gilmore, MS, CCC-SLP, Doctoral Candidate, Sargent College, Boston University
Description: This workshop will review services available for young adults with ABI who have enrolled/ have interests in academic programs. This workshop will describe Intensive Cognitive-Communication Rehabilitation (ICCR), a program for individuals with ABI involving academic courses, strategy instruction, technology training, and individual therapy. Evidence-based tools/techniques will be reviewed/demonstrated for application for clinicians/caregivers.

17. Interventions for Vision Impairments Post Brain Injury: Use of Prisms and Exercises

Intended Audience: Professionals
Kevin Houston, OD, MSc, FAAO, Director of Vision Rehabilitation Service and Talia Mouldovan, OTR/L, ATP, Occupational Therapist: both from Mass Eye and Ear, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network
Description: This workshop will provide an overview of common visual impairments post-brain injury. It will explain common presentations of these impairments and potential interventions. This workshop will also discuss the use of prisms and visual exercises as an intervention for patients.


Intended Audience: Professionals
Emily Aronson, MS, CEP, Restorative Therapies, Inc.
Description: This workshop will discuss the utilization of Functional Electrical Stimulation for massed practice. Activity based therapies can increase patient outcomes in neuro-restorative rehabilitation programs for patients with anoxic and traumatic brain injuries. A lab utilizing Xcite FES Clinical Station applying FES to optimize stimulation parameters to achieve desired movement patterns will follow.

19. Tailoring Technological Rehabilitation to the Patient and to the Clinician: How to Find the Right Technology for My Complex Patient Population in the Sea of Emerging Technologies

Intended Audience: All
Ricki Tourgeman, MS, PT, Physical Therapist, HealthSouth Braintree Rehabilitation Hospital
Description: This workshop will present the advantages and disadvantages of using technology in rehabilitation in ABI. Included in discussion is the need to embed technology into physical therapy, guidelines to implement technology into the PT facility, and technology systems review.

20. Nursing Home to the Community: Peer Mentors Making the Difference

Intended Audience: All
Sandy Biber, LRC, LMHC, Director, Community Based Services and Lisa Rowe, LICSW, Director, Waiver Operations and Diane Rosenbeck, MED, Special Projects Manager ABI/MFP Waiver Unit: all from Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission; Nancy Weston, LSW, Director of PASRR and Nursing Facility Operations, Department of Developmental Services
Description: This workshop will look at how the ABI/MFP waiver program has established a Peer Mentor program to support applicants considering transitioning to the community. The audience will hear their stories, and how they’ve shared their experiences with others. The history of the use of the Peers will also be discussed, as will the basics of the ABI/MFP waivers.
21. Facilitating Community Reintegration Following Stroke or Brain Injury

**Intended Audience:** All
Kathleen Earle, MS, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist and Joshua Gallagher, CTRS/L, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist: both from Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Network

**Description:** The purpose of this presentation is to introduce the participant to the benefits of therapeutic recreation, community outings, and peer support in facilitating community reintegration following a brain injury. It will provide concrete interdisciplinary treatment interventions, functional therapeutic goals, and examples of patient outcomes.

22. Pay Attention or You Might Forget (Attention and Memory Skill Strategies)

**Intended Audience:** Survivors/Caregivers/Direct Care Staff
Pauline Fiorello, OTR/L, CBIS, Clinical Specialist and Linda Garrity, MA, CCC-SLP, Clinical Specialist: both from Spaulding Rehabilitation Network

**Description:** This workshop will focus on attention and memory skills and how they are related. Strategies which help improve attention and memory will be discussed. Participants will engage in various activities to facilitate their understanding and their ability to integrate the strategies into everyday life.

23. Managing Challenging Behavior Related to Acquired Brain Injury

**Intended Audience:** Professionals
Thomas Hall, MA, CBIS-T, Assistant VP for Clinical Services, Riverside Community Care

**Description:** This workshop will present some of the more common challenging behaviors that may result from an ABI. Assessment and treatment recommendations will emphasize a “multi-element approach” including principles of Positive Behavioral Supports, the neuro-behavioral and neuro-cognitive underpinnings of behavior, and psychopharmacology. Attendees will also be provided practical approaches and resources for consideration in care planning.

24. Putting the Marriage Back Together After an ABI

**Intended Audience:** All
Christopher Carter, Psy.D., CBIS-T, Director of Continuity for Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Services, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network

**Description:** After an ABI the marriage often needs repair work. This workshop will present an overview of the ways in which a marriage can be impacted by brain injury. Discussion of strategies for navigating a return to a more balanced and sustainable relationship with case examples will be presented.

25. Addressing Visual Dysfunction in Concussion/TBI

**Intended Audience:** Professionals
Nicole Kelly, MS, OTR/L, Senior Occupational Therapist and Laura Lizotte, MS, OTR/L: both from Emerson Hospital Center for Rehabilitative and Sports Therapies

**Description:** In this workshop, participants will learn how to approach and address visual dysfunction after mTBI/concussion through the use of modification and rehabilitation techniques. Physical symptoms and functional deficits experienced within this population will be reviewed. Videos, demonstration, and hands-on practice will be used to facilitate learning.
26. Integrating the Peripheral and Central Mechanisms of Pain with a Movement-Based Biopsychosocial Approach

Intended Audience: All
Chris Joyce, PT, DPT, SCS, Assistant Professor and Ph.D. Research Fellow, Bay State College and MGH Institute of Health Professionals
Description: Pain is an emergent, complex, biopsychosocial experience that benefits from multi-modal treatment approaches. Two supported approaches are education and movement, which can alter the neurological processes that effect the transmission and perception of pain. This workshop will help explain pain in simple terms such that clinicians, patients, and caregivers may utilize this knowledge to decrease pain or improve function.

27. Introducing Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine: How It Benefits Brain Injury Survivors

Intended Audience: All
Qin Wang, Licensed Acupuncturist, New England Acupuncture and Oriental Herbal Services
Description: This workshop will discuss what acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine are; the difference between modern medicine and why it has been used for a thousand years, and how to treat brain injury with these applications.

28. MassHealth's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers: Think Outside the Facility

Intended Audience: All
Amy Bernstein, LSW, MMHS, Director, MassHealth Community Based Waivers and Dorathée Alsentzer, JD, Assistant Director, MassHealth Community Based Waivers
Description: HCBS Waivers are opportunities for community living for Massachusetts residents with ABI and others. This workshop covers recent updates to the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Moving Forward Plan (MFP) waivers, designed for adults who transition from nursing facilities or long-stay hospitals to the community, and the Frail Elder Waiver, which serves older adults in the community.

29. Creative Expression: Healing Through Personal Expression, Social Connections and Greater Purpose

Intended Audience: All
Barbara P. Kresge, MS, OTR/L, CBIS, Program Director and Kelly Redwine-DePierre, MS, OTR/L, Program Coordinator: both from Krempels Center
Description: This workshop examines the impact of creative arts projects offered within a community program that contribute to survivors quality of life and sense of self through meaningful personal expression, strengthening social connection with others, and impacting change in knowledge and perceptions of brain injury in the community.

30. Veterans and Their Families: How to Welcome Them into Our Support Groups

Intended Audience: All
Larry Cervelli, OT, FACRM, Western MA Veterans Outreach Project; Dr. Kelly Marie Coxe, Clinical Psychologist, Springfield Veterans Clinic; Bryan Doe, Veteran's Outreach Representative, Department of Veterans Affairs, Springfield Vet Center
Description: This educational session will describe military culture and how it may impact community re-entry of veterans and their families. It will identify how support groups can have a positive impact on our community re-entry process. It will also identify resources that are readily available to support groups to help them be more welcoming and supportive.