

You are invited to submit a Poster Proposal. This year's theme is:

Confronting the Challenges of Today for a Stronger Tomorrow

The Conference hosts 350 attendees including professionals, educators, persons with brain injury, family members, students, and volunteers. Attendees at the conference have varying levels of experience in working with or living with brain injuries. The Conference is designed to ensure that attendees leave with greater knowledge of effective strategies, best practices, and the latest information.

Presentations are a great way to contribute to advances in the field of brain injury rehabilitation and to share your expertise. Professionals attending typically include: certified brain injury specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers, nurses, psychologists, therapeutic recreation specialists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, cognitive rehabilitation therapists, physicians, case managers, personal care home administrators, Individuals with interest in alternative treatments, and representatives from various fields of medicine.

General Information:

- The Conference is scheduled for three days to provide more knowledge and offer more continuing education units. The dates for the 17th Annual Conference are Sunday, June 24, Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018.
- The Conference will be held at the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center in Lancaster, PA.
- Posters will be displayed outside the general session room.
- Attendees will have scheduled times on Monday to visit the poster displays.
- Handouts are optional for posters. Handouts must be supplied by the presenter.
- BIAPA will provide a link to the handout file on the BIAPA website. PDF file versions are preferred. Handout files must be submitted by June 1, 2018.
- **Poster proposals must be received by Noon on Friday, December 15, 2017.**

Poster Presentation Submission Guidelines

- Posters may be no larger than 36" x 48".
- Posters must be mounted on sturdy foam or cardboard.
- Poster must be able to be placed on an easel. Easels will be provided for all posters.

Presentation Selection Guidelines/Criteria

- Topics match audience needs, conference theme, and session tracks.
- Proposal addresses at least one track outlined on the next page.
- Attendees gain tools, knowledge, or skills to apply immediately.
- Workshop format generates interactive participation
- Quality and detail of information meet professional standards.

Session Focus Areas & Topics
Confronting the Challenges of Today for a Stronger Tomorrow

Focus Areas	Potential Topic Areas (topics may include, but are not limited to those listed)
<p>Practical Approaches & Creative Solutions</p> <p>While applicable to all attendees, this focus area may be of particular relevance to clinicians looking for new ways to address challenging behaviors following brain injury. This category will focus on innovative and/or unique approaches to resolving brain-injury related issues with an impact on residential/home life, community access (including school and vocational reentry), and true inclusion in society. Methods to reinforce these approaches will also be presented and discussed. Attendees will leave the sessions in this category with approaches that can be implemented immediately, including strategies and tools to compensate for cognitive deficits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive rehabilitation therapy • Educational support (academic coaching as well as tutoring) • Job development, coaching and follow-along • Management of behavior • Relationships and sexuality • Social, leisure and recreational opportunities • Design and implementation of innovative approaches in treatment planning • Spirituality • Wellness initiatives, including nutrition and exercise • Meditation and other stress-reducing techniques • Lifelong planning • Creative community/home-based programs • Aging • Respite • Art, equestrian and music therapies
<p>Research & Outcomes Measurement</p> <p>This focus area will include presentations on research designs and results representing all classes of research. It should be of interest to graduate students and faculty members in rehabilitation-related curricula; clinical and research staff; and case managers and life care planners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of new research findings in brain injury rehabilitation • The value and the problems of evidence-based research studies • The value of field studies and single-subject designs in post-acute brain injury rehabilitation • Data collection methods for clinicians interested in validating treatment efficacy • Methods of measuring and documenting outcomes of unique approaches • Methods of incorporating quality of life measures into research • Collaborative approaches to improve outcomes of incarcerated individuals with brain injuries
<p>Supports, Services, & Policy Updates</p> <p>This focus area is applicable to all attendees and is intended to provide information on supports and services. It will include updates on funding, supports, services, advocacy, and legislative efforts. It will also focus on current issues related to legislative and policy decisions that may impact state and national health care concerns. This category will be helpful to case managers, life care planners, lawyers, administrators and management staff, as well as to survivors and family members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support groups (already established or in development) • Legislative update and discussion of proposed/ needed legislation • Update on TBI Model Systems Projects • Provider challenges such as staff recruitment and retention, payor issues, and service guidelines • Advocacy efforts (including self-advocacy)

*** Please note: Potential Topic can be other than those listed.**

**Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania
Poster Submission Form**

Poster Proposal

Name of each presenter: Please provide the name/credentials of each person participating in the poster.

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Title of Poster (*Required*):

Applicable Focus Area: Practical Approaches & Creative Solutions
 Research & Outcomes Measurement
 Supports, Services, & Policy Updates

Poster Description (*Required for all proposals*): Please provide a 100-WORD description of the topic content. The Planning Committee reserves the right to edit session descriptions.

PRESENTER INFORMATION

An information form must be completed for EACH person contributing to the poster.
All information is required.

Name _____

Agency/Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Current Job Title _____

Author Biography or Resume: All collaborators must submit a CV, resume or biography including educational history. Please attach as an electronic file. **(Required)**

Proposals must be received by Noon on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Submission Task List

- ***Submission Form completed***
- ***Presenter Information completed for every author***
- ***Resume or biography attached for every author***

- **Email:** admin@biapa.org – An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your proposal

- **Mail:** Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania
950 Walnut Bottom Road, Suite 15-229, Carlisle, PA 17015

- **Questions:** Contact Kara Latshaw – (717) 692-5562

PLEASE NOTE – Email is the preferred method. Upon receipt of your proposal, an email confirmation will be sent. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of submission, please contact Kara Latshaw. BIAPA is not responsible for lost submissions.

Poster Author Registration Fee: Our conference policy provides no fee or honorarium for speaking.

***If you plan to attend the conference the conference allows one author to register at the reduced registration fee for presenters. Additional authors must register at the full conference rate. A discounted registration form will be provided for the selected posters.**