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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD DIRECTORS

Welcome to "BrainWaves"! It is my pleasure, as the President of Brain Injury Florida, to introduce our quarterly newsletter to you; our friends, members, and constituents!

Brain Injury Florida (BIF) is a new statewide advocacy organization serving those impacted by an acquired brain injury. BIF's purpose is to improve the quality of life for Florida residents who have sustained an acquired brain injury by promoting effective awareness, education, outreach, treatment, prevention, advocacy, and support.

We appreciate your interest in and support of BIF. We cannot do this without you!



Denny Armington, **President**

Passport to Recovery: Brain Injury Florida 2.0

Brain Injury Florida held their very first annual conference on March 17th during Brain Injury Awareness month. The virtual opportunity allowed for many attendees to access fantastic presentations throughout the state. Presenters this year were experts in the field of Traumatic Brain Injury outcomes, youth within the juvenile justice system, post-concussive system and more. Thank you for a successful conference!

How to be involved

Brain Injury Florida seeks to implement our mission through the activities of the Board of Directors and a strong contingent of volunteers: EACH of YOU. The following committees are regularly meeting. Is there one you wish to be involved with? Contact braininjuryfl@gmail.com

- Conference Organizing
- Information and Referral Advocacy
- **Fundraising**

- Support Groups
- Social Media and Website

Connect with BIF online

It is imperative that we spread awareness that Florida has a new Brain Injury organization. By following our social media pages and interacting with each page, we will be able to increase our online presence. So please, follow, like, share, and invite others to do the same!

> Facebook: www.facebook.com/BIFlorida Instagram: @brain.injury.florida LinkedIn: Brain Injury Florida, Inc.

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BIF 2023 CONFERENCE CE/CEUS NOW AVAILABLE AS DISTANCE LEARNING!

If you missed BIF's Inaugural Educational Conference, you can now take the courses virtually at your convenience, and earn CE/CEUs.

Sign up for CE/CEUs using the links to the course of your choice. Once you register for a course you will receive a unique link good for 30 days for you to take the course.

Those seeking CE/CEU will also receive 2 links to complete the course evaluation and course quiz, whereupon you will receive your CE/CEU certificate.

The cost is \$10 per course for survivors/family members, \$35 per course for PT, OT, SP, RN, CM, CRC, and CBIS; and \$45 per course for APA Psychology.

Distance Learning Courses:

Neurological Rehabilitation Outcomes for TBI 1 CE/CEU

Speaker: Dr. Gordon Horn, National Deputy Director Clinical Outcomes, NeuroRestorative Florida https://www.eventbrite.com/e/641351017157

Pediatric Concussions – They Aren't Just Little Adults; Special Considerations for Assessment and Treatment 1CE/CEU

Speaker: Dr. Jim Gyurke, Head of Clinical Strategy and Business Development, Riverside Insights https://www.eventbrite.com/e/643261050117

Helping Florida's Youth with Brain Injury: Resource Facilitation to Decrease Recidivism 1 CE/CEU

Speaker: Dr. Drew Nagele, Co-Investigator, Facilitating Re-Entry Interventions Subsequent to Brain Injury (FRISBI) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/643794275007

Vocational Rehabilitation: Guiding Individuals with Brain Injury to Reach Their Employment 1 CE/CEU

Speaker: Veronica Ebuen & Jesse Riddle, Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Transition Administrator https://www.eventbrite.com/e/643802248857

Diagnosis and Management of Concussion/MTBI 1 CE/CEU

Speaker: Dr. Marissa McCarthy, Medical Director, James A. Haley VA Vocational Rehab & USF Concussion Center, Department of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine https://www.eventbrite.com/e/643817825447