

Making Peace with Brain Injury: Finding the Silver Lining



Brain Injury Association of New York State

June 3-4, 2010

Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany, New York

FEATURING:

Susan Connors

President / CEO,
Brain Injury Association of America



28th Annual Conference Registration

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, June 3

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Registration**

9:30 am - 10:30 am **Continental Breakfast and Exhibitor Opening**

10:45 am - 11:45 am **Opening Remarks**

Marie Cavallo, Ph.D., President

Judith I. Avner, Esq., Executive Director

Sandy Finkelstein Memorial Address with Susan Connors

Your Association: The Voice of Help, Hope and Healing

Susan Connors, President and CEO of the Brain Injury Association of America, is a passionate advocate for individuals with brain injury. For more than a decade, she has served as the voice for millions of Americans impacted by this silent epidemic. Ms. Connors will address the role of the BIA of America, as well as that of the New York State affiliate.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Workshops: I**

Ask the Experts: What is a TBI, Anyway?

Presenters: Kathy Busch, Timothy Pruce, and Janyce Wollney, CBIS

Innovation in the Bronx: Individualized Self Directed Support

Presenters: Marie Cavallo, PhD, Carole Gothelf, EdD, Ana Sostre, and Project participants

Sports Concussion in NYS: Past, Present, and Future

Presenter: Brian Rieger, PhD

Establishing and Maintaining Chapters and Support Groups

Presenter: Judy Sandman

Self Discovery: You Are Not Alone

Presenter: Peter S. Kahrman

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm **Workshops: II**

Ask the Experts: Hiring (and/or Firing) an Attorney

Presenter: Peter Danziger, Esq.

Wounds from Combat: Similarities and Differences in Treating PTSD and TBI

Presenter: Shirley Szekeres, PhD

Valuing Diversity in Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Presenters: Patrick T. Swift, PhD and Brian Im, MD

Nurturing the Creativity Within – Part 1

Presenters: Deborah E. Schneider and Deborah Benson, PhD

Self Discovery: Spirituality - A Road Map to Inner Strength

Presenter: Rabbi Dan Ornstein

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Workshops: III**

Ask the Experts: Current Research Trends in Brain Injury

Presenter: Steven Flanagan, MD

Maintaining Good Nutrition on a Limited Budget

Presenter: Ruth M. Chamberlain

Taking Care of the Caregiver

Presenters: Fran DeFrancesco and Maggie Ornstein

Being in Charge of Your Service Plan

Presenter: Michael Cognetti

Nurturing the Creativity Within – Part 2

Presenters: Deborah E. Schneider and Deborah Benson, PhD

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Dinner - Get your food to go or eat in – the choice is yours**

Friday, June 4

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am - 9:15 am **Association Annual Meeting**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Recognition and Awards**

Join us as we congratulate outstanding individuals who have truly made a difference in the lives of those with brain injury.

10:30 am - 11:30 am **Workshops: IV**

Ask the Experts: Treating Mental Health Issues after TBI

Presenter: Mary Hibbard, PhD

Service Animals are Not Pets – Know Your Rights

Presenter: Ron Baisley

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence: Strategies for TBI Service Providers

Presenter: Sue Parry, PhD

Having Fun and Keeping Safe on the Internet

Presenter: Laura Brennan

Self Discovery: Using Creative Outlets in TBI Recovery

Presenters: Scott Garrity, Amy Landsman, and Blane Zubris

11:45 am - 12:45 pm **Workshops: V**

Ask the Experts: Supporting Children with Brain Injury in School

Presenter: Kristin Weller, LMHC, CRC, CBIST

Intimacy and Reproductive Health after Brain Injury

Presenters: Yelena Goldin-Lauretta, PhD and Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD

Returning Veterans with Brain Injury: Bridging the Gaps

Presenter: TBA

Managing Life's Transitions

Presenter: Artie Blind

Self Discovery: Movement Therapy and Body Awareness

Presenter: Regina Hagstrand, PT

1:00-2:00 pm **Luncheon, Raffle, and Door Prizes**

Scheduled workshops and presenters are subject to change. See bianys.org for detailed workshop descriptions.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NYS 2010 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



Please print or type, and fill in completely. **Use one form for each participant.** Copy this form as needed. Your check, money order, or credit card information **must** accompany your registration form. All cancellations will be subject to a 25% non-refundable fee. **No refunds will be issued after May 7, 2010.**

You may register for the **two-day** conference, or for **Thursday** or **Friday** only. All conference registration fees include meals. Organizational/Institutional members may designate up to four employees to register at the Association member rate for professionals. **In order to receive the member discount, your membership must be current as of March, 2010. If your membership has lapsed, it must be renewed before, or with, your registration.**

Conference Registration Fees	Consumer	Professional
Two-day: BIANYS Member	\$220 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$295 <input type="checkbox"/>
Two-day: Non-Member	\$270 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$370 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday Only: BIANYS Member	\$135 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$185 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday Only: Non-Member	\$185 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$260 <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Only: BIANYS Member	\$110 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$160 <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Only: Non-Member	\$160 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$235 <input type="checkbox"/>

Yes, I want to become a BIANYS member **NOW** to receive the member's registration fee. (Includes the BIANYS quarterly newsletter and discounts on events and publications.)

Individual - \$52
 Family - \$78
 Professional - \$120
 Organizational/Institutional - \$520
 Patron - \$1,200
 Brain Trust Member - \$5,200
 Champion - \$12,000

Special Rate - \$5-\$51 (Individuals with brain injury or family members with limited resources. Membership will not be denied to anyone based on their ability to pay)

Please check membership category and add to registration fee.

Name (**Print**) _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Staying for Thursday Dinner (Included in Registration Fee) Yes No

Registration Fee	\$	_____
Membership	\$	_____
Tax-deductible donation to BIANYS	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

Enclosed please find my check/money order payable to BIANYS in the amount of \$_____.

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Mail registration form by **May 28th** to: BIANYS Conference, 10 Colvin Avenue, Albany, NY 12206-1242. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for each returned check. **Only registrations charged to credit cards may be faxed to (518) 482-5285.**

Important Conference Information

Keynote Speaker - Susan H. Connors

In February of 2005, Susan Connors was named President/CEO of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA). Previously, she served as Executive Director of the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators. Prior to that position, Ms. Connors was the National Director of State Affairs for BIAA.

Ms. Connors has been a tireless advocate in the TBI field for more than a decade. She has served in advisory capacities and on expert panels for several federal agencies, universities, and nonprofit organizations, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Education, Ohio State University, and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in public communication from George Mason University and has authored two publications: *Guide to State Government Brain Injury Policies, Funding and Services*, and *Resource Facilitation: A Consensus of Principles and Best Practices to Guide Program Development and Operation in Brain Injury*.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been set aside for conference attendees at the Albany Marriott Hotel. The conference rate for a single, double, triple or quad is \$172.14 (\$151.00 + 14%) per room, per night. To qualify for the special conference hotel rate, the Marriott must receive your reservation no later than May 7, 2010. Please make your own reservations directly with the Marriott by calling 1-800-443-8952. Be certain to mention the Brain Injury Association Annual Conference when you call. RESERVE NOW – ROOMS SELL OUT QUICKLY!

Serenity Space

Our conference program includes a safe, peaceful environment called the Serenity Space. This room is designed to be a place where conference participants may regroup and rest during the day, and will be open during most of the conference hours. Please feel free to stop in at any time. Staff will be available to answer questions or help you plan workshop attendance around your needs and interests. The Serenity Space is located in the State Room, near the hotel restaurant. Association staff will direct you.

The conference also offers "Self Discovery" programs with a spiritual dimension that support individual reflection, promotes learning, and builds coping skills. Check the program for workshops specifically designated as Self Discovery.

The Artisan Marketplace

During dinner in the Salon on Thursday evening, from 5:30 to 6:30, some of the Association's most talented members will be displaying their art, crafts, jewelry, and writing. In addition to viewing the work on exhibit, you'll have the opportunity to purchase items and chat with the artisans. Space is limited – if you are a member and want to participate, please contact the Association by May 7. We look forward to seeing you at the Artisan Marketplace.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits may be available for various disciplines. Check with the appropriate licensing board for information.

Walk-in Conference Registrations

The Association does not guarantee space will be available for walk-in registrations. It is advised that you check www.bianys.org or call the Association office to find out if space is available after registration closes on May 28.

For Your Comfort

We suggest you bring a sweater or layer your clothing. It is difficult for large facilities to regulate meeting room temperatures, and comfort levels among attendees can vary greatly.

Casual Friday Extends to Lunch

To end the conference on a relaxing note, please join us on Friday for a fun, casual lunch. We'll be giving out door prizes and pulling names in our annual basket raffle. See what beautiful creations our own Judy Avner has come up with this year. It's a conference favorite, so **don't forget to bring your checkbook!**

THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE

Established in 1982, the Brain Injury Association of New York State works tirelessly to help meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families, and to educate the public and policy makers about brain injury and prevention. Major programs include:

BRAIN INJURY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES CLEARINGHOUSE: The Brain Injury Association of New York State has an extensive collection of information and resources for consumers, professionals, advocates, providers, media, educators, and the public. Included are a toll-free family helpline, website, publications, chapters and support groups throughout the State, family support programs, roundtables, caregiver's network, a speakers bureau, library, video library, and educational programs.

FAMILY ADVOCACY, COUNSELING, AND TRAINING SERVICES (FACTS): The FACTS family support program serves individuals who sustained a brain injury before age 22 and their families. FACTS Coordinators link individuals and families with information, resources, advocacy, and emotional support.

PREVENTION: Prevention is the only "cure" for brain injury. Programs include concussion management in sports and recreation, violence prevention, helmet safety, motor vehicle safety, pedestrian safety, and promoting other behaviors that reduce the risk of brain injury.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TRAINING AND MILITARY VETERANS SERVICES PROJECT: The Association is committed to addressing the gaps in identifying and treating TBI in service members. Our efforts involve connecting with returning service members and their families; training and education activities; collaboration; outreach; and developing relationships with state organizations that provide services to veterans and their families.

Become a Member Today!

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