



## Spring **Into Action**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Brain Injury Conference

**May 19–20, 2011**

*New location  
this year!*

Ramada Kearney, 301 Second Avenue

Kearney, Nebraska



Jason and Marjorie Crigler's keynote presentation will include a musical performance by Jason.

#### **Conference Purpose**

*Discuss therapeutic strategies and resources available to assist individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families.*

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Call 888.806.6287

[www.braininjury.ne.gov](http://www.braininjury.ne.gov)

#### **SAVE MONEY**

**Early Bird Registration  
Postmarked by April 6, 2011**

**Registration deadline May 6, 2011**

Conference arranged and supported by the Nebraska Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council and the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska.

Conference supported in part by TBI Implementation Partnership Grant #H21MC06758 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

The restaurant will not be open for lunch at the Ramada on Thursday prior to the start of the conference. There are options close to the hotel

Noon

**Registration Thursday**

1:00 p.m.

**Welcome** Tiffany Armstrong, MSN, RN, CRRN, TBI Advisory Council Chair

1:30 p.m.

**Keynote Defying the Odds**

Jason Crigler, BA and Marjorie Crigler, MFA  
Newton, Massachusetts

- Identify two or more ways in which the family can be utilized in an individual's brain injury recovery
- Identify two or more ways in which music can have a positive influence on brain injury rehabilitation

*In this multimedia presentation, Jason and Marjorie share their insight into the mindset that enabled Jason's recovery from a devastating brain injury. Providing both survivor and caregiver points of view, Jason and Marjorie show the many ways in which their attitudes made the difference in surviving—and even benefiting from—an extreme crisis. This inspiring presentation includes a question and answer session and a brief musical performance by Jason.*

2:30 p.m

**Break**

3:00 p.m

**Breakout Choose 1**

**1 Caregiving**

Jason Crigler, BA and Marjorie Crigler, MFA

- List two or more of the most common challenges faced by caregivers
- Identify two or more strategies for challenges facing the caregiver

**2 Partnerships in Transition from School to Adulthood**

Susan Van Housen, MA, SLP, Educational Service Unit #7

- Identify needed skills for self-advocacy
- Identify transition timeline

**3 Technology: Helping the Brain Remember**

Corinne Holtz, MS, and Doug Rourke, MS, Assistive Technology Partnership

- Recognize features of equipment which will support cognitive needs of traumatic and acquired brain injury
- Discuss resources available in Nebraska's on-line resource for assistive technology supports

4:00 p.m.

**Break**

4:15 p.m.

**Breakout Choose 1**

**1 Examining the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments**

Richard Sternadori, Ph.D, Great Plains ADA Center

- Review the 2009 ADA and how it provides legal protection
- Examine the roles and services available to state and local government under the ADA Amendments

**2 Vision Deficits Related to Brain Injury**

Brooke Murtaugh, OTD, OTR/L, CBIS, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

- Identify vision deficits related to traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury
- Discuss how to access treatment resources to address vision deficits related to brain injury

**3 TBI in the Military**

Karyn George, MS, CRC, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC),

- Examine the DVBIC and the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI
- Describe the incidence and prevalence of TBI in the military

5:15 p.m.

Sessions end



**6:30 p.m. Strikes & Sparer's Because We Care, Brain Injury Association of Nebraska (BIA) Fundraiser**

Everyone is invited to participate in this fun event. The proceeds from this event will support the work of the BIA—helping to improve the lives of individuals with brain injury and their families. You can:

- **Be a bowler** Each bowler will need to collect \$100 in donations and will receive a T-shirt, dinner, and a chance to win prizes. Create a team or you can be added to a team.
- **Be a supporter and spectator** and join in the fun. \$20 per person at the door.

If you have dietary concerns please notify Cindy.

**Go to [www.biane.org](http://www.biane.org) to register to bowl or create a team. For more information call Cindy (402) 304-8103.**



**Exhibitors Sign Up Today!**

Agencies, businesses, and organizations are invited to exhibit at the conference. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with the 300 participants—individuals with brain injury and their family members/caregivers, and professionals. More space is available at our new location.

For more information contact Cindy Evert Christ at the Brain Injury Association (402) 304-8103, [cec@biane.org](mailto:cec@biane.org)

**Need help to make it possible to attend the conference?**

Individuals with brain injury and their family members who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference without support, may request assistance by contacting Nancy Noha toll free (888) 806-6287 or (402) 471-3647 by May 5, 2011. Stipends are available (as long as funding permits) to assist with registration, motel, and mileage.

7:30 a.m.

**Registration Friday**

The Ramada provides a continental breakfast for their guests.  
The conference will not be providing breakfast Friday morning.

8:00 a.m.

**Welcome** Tiffany Armstrong, MSN, RN, CRRN, TBI Advisory Council Chair  
**American Academy for Certified Brain Injury Specialists Training** Judy Harvey, MS, CCC, SLP

8:15 a.m.

**Keynote Change, Challenge and Opportunity**

*Change is a paradoxical issue that can keep us confused. Although our instincts are to resist, the one thing we can count on is that change will occur. This interactive session looks at the elements of change, why resistances occur and how we can get in front of the change process.*



Al Condeluci, Ph.D.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Discuss the elements of the culture of change
- Introduce a framework to lead and manage change

9:45 a.m.

**Nebraska Facing Brain Injury**

Keri Bennett, MS Ed CBIS, Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska TBI Implementation Partnership Grant  
Kate Jarecke, BA, Brain Injury Association of Nebraska

- Describe the progress being made in Nebraska in developing a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with brain injury and their families
- List planned activities for the future regarding brain injury awareness and service development

10:30 a.m.  
**Break**

11:00 a.m.  
**Breakout**  
*Choose 1*

**1 Ways to Strengthen Support Groups**

Gina Simanek, MA, LMHP, Lincoln Support Group and Marcia Matthies, Nebraska Stroke Association

- Explain structure, role, and importance of support groups for caregivers and individuals with brain injuries
- Compare examples of effective activities in different types of support groups

**2 Employment Considerations**

Sharon Johnson, BA, Systems Change Grant, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

- Identify Work Incentives Network (WIN) resources available to Nebraskans with disabilities interested in obtaining, maintaining, or advancing in employment

**3 Screening Young Children for TBI**

Karen Hux, Ph.D., SLP, University of Nebraska

- Describe the SAFE CHILD SCREENING TOOL pertaining to the frequency of positive screens among preschoolers
- Discuss typical consequences and the time course for appearance of various symptoms secondary to TBI in young children

12:00 p.m.  
**Lunch\***

1:00 p.m.  
**Breakout**  
*Choose 1*

**1 Shaken Baby**

Jackie Zeckser, BS, Head Start Child and Family Development, Inc. and Robin Johnsen, Mother

- Examine the stressors leading to shaking a baby and discuss strategies to decrease stressors
- Discuss the long-term effects of shaking a baby for the child and the family

**2 Human Sexuality**

Dr. Al Condeluci

- Define and refine an understanding of human sexuality
- Identify strategies that address sexual behavior

**3 Life After Rehab**

Jon Pearson, BS, Quality Living, Inc. and Kristin Luethke, BS, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

- Review the components of the path of recovery and rehab as it relates to acquired brain injury
- Identify at home and community options and resources for social re-involvement

2:00 p.m.  
**Break**

2:15 p.m.  
**Breakout**  
*Choose 1*

**1 Strategies for Life Care Planning**

Dan Kline, MBA, Continuum Financial and Dennis Burns, BA, Massachusetts Mutual Financial Group

- Evaluate the Life Care plan process for working with special needs children
- Discuss the differences between traditional and Life Care planning

**2 Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Sports Related Concussions**

Lori Terryberry-Spohr, Ph.D., Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

- Identify the diagnostic criteria for mild TBI and the differentiation from moderate/severe TBI
- Review the sports concussion prevention model and treatment options for unresolved difficulties related to mild TBI

**3 Compensatory Communication Strategies**

Corinne Holtz, MS, Assistive Technology Partnership

- Discuss the utilization of compensatory communication devices for management of cognitive deficits.  
*Bring your own iPod Touch or iPad if you are already using one.*

3:15 p.m.  
Conference concludes

\* Annual meeting of the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska is scheduled during lunch

## Registration Form      Register by May 6, 2011

- Register on-line using Visa or MasterCard <http://bit.ly/madonnabic>
- Register by mail (complete this form for each person attending) and mail to:  
     Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Education Department, 5401 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.  
     Make checks payable to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.
- Register by faxing registration form using Visa or MasterCard to (402) 486-8381
- Register by phone using Visa or MasterCard by calling (402) 483-9550 or (800) 676-5448, Extension 6550  
     *Cancellations may be made up to 4 days prior to the event. Refunds will decreased by \$35 (administrative fee).*  
     *If you wish to have someone attend in your place, notify Madonna at last four days in advance.*

<b>Fee</b> same for 1 or 2 day attendance		<b>Early Bird Postmarked by April 6, 2011</b>
<b>General/Professional</b>	\$150	Early Bird \$135
<b>Individual who experiences brain injury or family member</b>	\$ 50	Early Bird \$45
<b>Additional family member and caregiver</b>	\$ 35	Early Bird \$30
<b>Student</b>	\$ 25	

- Fee includes lunch on Friday and vegetarian will be available. Does not include Friday breakfast.
- Registrations are considered confirmed upon receipt and payment should accompany registration (unless billing organization).

Check when you will attend: <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, May 19, 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, May 20, 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday and Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations, please describe	I am: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual with brain injury <input type="checkbox"/> Family member of individual with brain injury <input type="checkbox"/> General/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Student	Amount of registration \$ _____ Method of Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Bill my organization <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard Card # _____ Expiration Date _____
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Organization	
Address	Phone
City/Zip	E-mail address

### Conference Location/Lodging

**Ramada Kearney**    Toll Free (800) 652-1909 or (308) 237-3141

301 Second Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska

- Participants are responsible for making their hotel reservations. Lodging is not covered in the registration fee.
- A block of rooms has been reserved until May 5, 2011 at a reduced rate of \$70 per night, double occupancy. Mention you are attending the Brain Injury Conference when making your reservation. Check with the hotel for accessible room availability. Additional accessible rooms are also reserved at a nearby hotel. Call Nancy for details (888) 806-6287.

**If you need any accommodations (large print, dietary requests, etc.) request on registration form by May 1, 2011.**

Dress in layers to accommodate fluctuating temperatures in meeting rooms.

### Contact Hours    FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PEGGY REISHER (402) 890-0606

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- Professional target audience: Nurses, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Mental Health Practitioners, Speech Language Pathologists, Educators, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- 3.0 contact hours awarded Thursday NE08-11H03-139
- 4.5 contact hours awarded Friday NE08-11H03-140
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