



NEBRASKA BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE

The Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska invites speaker proposals for the 2025 Nebraska Brain Injury Conference.

About the Event

The Nebraska Brain Injury Conference, hosted annually by the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska, brings together professionals and individuals affected by brain injury to facilitate connections and learning within the community. The 2025 conference will take place at the Younes Conference Center (South) in Kearney, Nebraska, on March 13 and 14, 2025, spanning approximately a day and a half from Thursday to Friday.

Themes and Topics of Interest

- Lived Experience with Brain Injury (Inspirational stories from individuals living with a brain injury)
- Research and Innovations in the field of Acquired Brain Injury
- Precision Medicine and Brain Injury
- Assistive Technology for Brain Injury (Apps, programs, devices, practical demonstrations, etc.)
- Advocacy and Legislation
- Educational Supports for Brain Injury (all levels - elementary through post-secondary)
- Brain Injury Treatment and Rehabilitation Theories, Methodologies, or Strategies
- Mental Health and Self Care
- Veteran-Specific Treatments, Programs, Research, or Care/Case Management Strategies
- Behavioral Health Methodologies
- Stroke Treatment, Rehabilitation, and Recovery Strategies
- Epilepsy and Brain Injury
- Insurance / Medicaid, Disability Waivers, and Other Financial Resources
- Headache and Concussion Management
- Substance Abuse and Brain Injury
- Pharmaceuticals and Brain Injury (Proper Management of Medications, Accompanying Factors, etc.)
- Returning to Work after a Brain Injury (ADA Compliance, Accommodations, etc.)

Call for Speakers
Due: August 16, 2024



Speaker Benefits

Speaker benefits: You'll showcase your expertise and connect with a wide audience, including professionals, organizations, and individuals affected by brain injuries who can benefit from your knowledge.

Additional benefits include:

Free event registration with the option for a complimentary exhibitor table.

Earn continuing education contact hours through our partner, Iowa Western Community College, by attending the conference.

Helpful Details About the Event

Audience(s):

Professionals working with brain injury

- Therapy professions (Physical, occupational, recreational, speech-language pathology, and mental health)
- Nurses
- Teachers / Educational Professionals
- Behavioral Health Specialists
- Neurologists
- Neuropsychologists
- Chiropractors
- Non-profit leaders and community service providers
- Insurance specialists
- Social workers
- State agencies
- Community-based programs working with individuals at higher risk for brain injury
 - Veterans
 - Individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Victims/survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence
 - Justice-involved individuals
 - Individuals exhibiting behavioral health issues

Individuals living with a brain injury

Caregivers/family members of individuals living with a brain injury

Length of Presentation:

You will have 60 minutes total for your presentation and any questions and answers following your main content.

Presentation format:

All sessions and presentations are planned to be held in-person, unless otherwise communicated by the event coordinator.

About the Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska

The Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska exists to help bring about meaningful system change to provide a better future for individuals affected by a brain injury through prevention, education, advocacy, and support efforts.

As part of the work we do, we strive to build community support networks that help individuals and families across the state navigate life changes resulting from a brain injury. The Annual Nebraska Brain Injury Conference helps build those connections and networks not only between professionals and organizations, but also with individuals affected by a brain injury who are at varying stages in their journeys.

Proposal Requirements

Questions? Contact events@biane.org

Submissions Due Date & How to Submit:

Submissions are due: **August 16, 2024**

Click the button at the bottom of the page or visit <https://form.jotform.com/241135096197055> and complete the JotForm.

What We'll Need from You:

Speaker Information

- Contact Information (Name, Organization, Job Title, Phone Number, Email, etc.)
- Social Media Handles (for advertising/promotional purposes)
- Whether you are presenting on behalf of your organization or as an individual
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Brief Bio of Yourself (3 -5 sentences)
- Co-presenters and how to reach them
- Video links to previous presentations (if possible)
- Considerations/requirements on your end (fees, contracts, accommodations, etc.)

Presentation Information

- Presentation Type
(workshop/practical demonstration, panel discussion, standard presentation)
- Presentation Title
- Primary Content Theme/Area(s)
- Brief Presentation Description/Abstract (no more than 2 paragraphs)
- Intended Audience/Experience Level
- Key Objectives/Takeaways (**minimum of three**)
- Information about what materials, if any, will/can be shared with the audience
- Technology/setup needs
- Whether you have published anything on this topic or presented it at other events

Final Considerations

We request that presentations aim to be accessible to a general audience, accommodating both professionals and individuals affected by brain injury or their caregivers attending many of the sessions.

-Please propose innovative ideas and approaches that challenge conventional thinking on longstanding issues or current trends in the topic areas. Presentations focusing on specific products are better suited for exhibitor booths.

-Our ideal speaker collaborates with us to enhance the attendee experience. Please note that we operate on a small non-profit budget with limited funds for speaker fees.

Selection Process

Submissions will undergo review by Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska staff and a committee composed of professionals and prior conference attendees, including individuals and caregivers, in August and September. Notifications regarding acceptance or regrets will be sent by October 2024.