



# NEBRASKA BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE



## ***Navigating Change: Adapting and Advancing Together***

### **Agenda - Thursday • March 19, 2026**

Time	Activity / Presentation	Location
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Networking Time	Lobby, Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
8:30 - 8:40 a.m.	Opening Remarks / Kickoff	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
8:40 - 9:40 a.m.	Structured Flexibility and the Development of a Meaningful Life	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
<b>Opening Keynote</b>	Presenter: Tim Feeney, Ph.D, The Mill School and Belvedere Health Services	
9:40 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Break / Networking Time</b>	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Individuals/Caregivers:</b> Practical Strategies and Smart Device Integration for Executive Function  Presenter: Michelle Ranae Wild, M.A., Brain Education Strategies & Technology	Diamond Room 9
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Professionals:</b> The Role of Chiropractic Care in Treating Brain Injuries  Presenter: Mark Knoll, D.C., Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association	Diamond Room 10
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Break / Networking Time</b>	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.	<b>Individuals/Caregivers:</b> Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Updates  Presenter: Colin Large, M.A., Organization DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities	Diamond Room 9
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Professionals:</b> There's Always Something That Works: The Importance of Optimism, Hope, and Meaning in Rehabilitation  Presenter: Tim Feeney, Ph.D, The Mill School and Belvedere Health Services	Diamond Room 10
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Awards</b>	Diamond Rooms 4 & 5
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Breaking Barriers, Building Futures: Harnessing Behavioral Health for Justice-Involved Youth  Presenters: Erika Franta, Ph.D & Abril Rangel-Pacheco, PhD, LMHP, Munroe-Meyer Institute	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
<b>General Session</b>		
2:30 - 2:50 p.m.	<b>Break / Networking Time</b>	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
2:50 - 3:50 p.m.	<b>Individuals/Caregivers:</b> Back to Work, Forward with Support: Navigating Accommodations After Brain Injury  Presenter: Keri Bennett, MSEd, CBIS, Cassy Kvasnicka, Rich McFall, Nebraska VR	Diamond Room 9
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Professionals:</b> Walking Forward: Evolving Strategies for Mobility Rehabilitation Following Stroke  Presenter: Dan Pierce, M.D., CHCQM, UNMC, Jessica Tucker, Nebraska Medicine, Kassandra Pichler, Cari Carlson, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital	Diamond Room 10
3:50 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Break / Networking Time</b>	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
4:00 - 5:15	<b>Ambiguous Loss Panel</b>	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
<b>General Session</b>	Panelists: Lisa Janssen, Community Action Partnership, Thomas Brown, BS CBIST, Brookhaven and Community NeuroRehab Moderator: Penny Costello	
5:15	<b>Prize Drawing</b>	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10



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7:45 - 8:15 a.m.	Sign-in for CEU Credits (Professional Attendees) & Networking Time	Lobby, Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
8:15 - 9:15 a.m. General Session	Assistive Technology in the New Era: Empowering Individuals with TBI  Presenters: Olivia Ollis, OTR/L & Kelsey Jo Wagner, M.S., CCC-SLP, QLI	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
9:15 - 9:25 a.m.	Break / Networking Time	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
9:25 - 9:30 a.m.	Prize Drawing	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Individuals/Caregivers: Aging With (and without) Brain Injury  Presenters: Judy Harvey, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Diamond Room 9
Breakout Sessions	Professionals: Sexual Health: Let's Talk About Sex...No, Really. Let's Talk About It.  Presenter: Wendy Sully, Ph.D., Laura Bergevin, MSW, QLI	Diamond Room 10
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.	Break / Networking Time	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
10:50 - 11:50 a.m.	<b>Wise Mind - Resource Facilitation Panel</b>	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
General Session	Panelists: Shir Smith, MenDi McCuiston, Gina Simanek, M.A., LMHP, BIA-NE Moderator:	
11:50 a.m. - Noon	Break / Networking Time	Diamond Rooms 6, 7, 8
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Cultivating Optimism and Self Awareness	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10
Closing Keynote	Presenter: Juli Burney, M.A.	
1:05 - 1:15 p.m.	Ending Remarks & Final Prize Drawing	Diamond Rooms 9 & 10