

Sharing the Lessons, Advancing the Learning

28th Annual State of the States
in Head Injury Conference
September 11-14, 2017

Tempe, Arizona

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Building Bridges of Insight
into the Adolescent Brain

About the Conference

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) assists state governments in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injury and their families. The national conference brings members and partners together to share information, opportunities, and lessons learned. In September 2017, over 200 professionals from across the nation will gather in Tempe, Arizona, to learn, innovate, and collaborate.

Sharing the Lessons, Advancing the Learning is a unique opportunity for sponsors, exhibitors, and advertisers to reach this influential audience. Topics include military, juvenile justice, concussion, Native American perspectives, employment after brain injury, and more.

The conference provides opportunities for states

- to share the learning from their efforts to build and sustain systems to meet the needs of persons with brain injury and their families,
- to leverage the lessons learned from each other's experiences, and
- to explore how to take their work to the next level.

The Pre-Conference will focus on how brain injury in childhood or adolescence impacts youth and families during the transition to adulthood and the world of work.



Who Should Attend?

The meeting is open to all who are involved and are interested in the field of brain injury as it relates to rehabilitation, education and community services and supports for individuals with brain injury of all ages – children, youth and adults. This includes public and private program administrators and providers; clinicians; advocates; individuals with brain injury; families; professionals; and anyone interested in overall service delivery for individuals with brain injury, including service planning; prevention; rehabilitation, community and support services. CEU's are available.

Exhibitors/Sponsors

There are several opportunities for organizations and agencies to sponsor a conference function, as well as to exhibit information during the conference. Sponsors may place an ad in the conference program, sponsor a meal or break and/or insert an item in an attendee packet. Sponsorship includes a variety of perks including, complimentary meeting registration; event signage; and verbal recognition at the event. Agencies and organizations are invited to display their products and services. Exhibitors will receive a complimentary registration and information about their organization in the final printed program. For further information, go to: <http://nashia.org/SOS2017.asp> or contact Ann Tarcy: atarcy@azdes.gov. To register as a sponsor or exhibitor, go to: <http://nashia.org/SOS2017.asp>.

Conference Registration

Rates have been established for NASHIA members, non-members and students for both the pre-conference and the full conference. A special rate has also been designated for those wishing to attend only one day of the conference (does not apply to the pre-conference workshop). Registration will include some meals and breaks. Individuals who wish to attend both the pre-conference and the full conference proceedings will need to register and pay the pre-conference and full conference registration fees. All registrations should be made by **August 11, 2017, or a late fee of \$50 will be assessed. No refunds** will be issued for cancellations received **after September 1, 2017**. For assistance or special accommodations, please contact Donna Huckestein (finance@nashia.org or 205-823-3818).

Conference Registration Fees

Registration Fee	NASHIA Member	Non-members	Student
Pre-Conference (9/11/17)	\$250	\$275	\$125
Conference (9/12-14/17)	\$450	\$675	\$250
One Day (9/12, 9/13, or 9/14)	\$225	\$250	\$125

Register Now!

Registration is now open for pre-conference, conference, sponsors and exhibitors. Click on the link below to register and pay on-line. If you need an invoice or other means for registering, either indicate on the registration form and/or contact Donna Huckestein at finance@nashia.org.

[Sponsors register here!](#)

[Participants register here!](#)

Hotel Accommodations

The conference will be held at the Tempe Mission Palms, where Midwestern charm meets the warmth of the Southwest, and is the only full-service hotel in the heart of Tempe, Arizona, with convenient access to Scottsdale and Phoenix. The serenity of the surrounding desert landscape and its rose-colored vistas are reflected in the hotel's décor and mimicked in its relaxing ambiance. The hotel's friendly staff provides unparalleled service, and is eager to create an unforgettable hospitality experience. The hotel is within walking distance to downtown Tempe's Mill Avenue district & over 100 restaurants, bars, and shops.



Hotel Reservations

A room block is available for the conference. The conference rate is \$181.31, which includes the room rate, fees and taxes. The group code is 2UA1PC. You may make your reservation here [NASHIA Hotel Registration](#). The cutoff date for group room rate is **August 10, 2017**.

Shuttle to Hotel from Airport: Once you have arrived at Sky Harbor International Airport, please follow the directions below to obtain a complimentary shuttle to the hotel. Shuttle service is available between 5:30am and 10:30pm.

- 1) Pick up your luggage at the baggage claim.
- 2) Call Tempe Mission Palms Operator at 480-894-1400.
- 3) Tell the operator what terminal you are located.
- 4) Follow the directions from the operator.
- 5) Tempe Mission Palms vans are white and have the hotel logo on them.
- 6) Time to hotel is about 10 minutes.

Pre-Conference: Building Bridges of Insight into the Adolescent Brain

Monday—September 11, 2017

7:30a-8:00a Preconference Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00a-8:10a Welcome to Arizona and Pre-Conference Overview—Lorraine Wargo, RN, NASHIA Executive Director

8:10a-8:45a Overview of Youth with Brain Injury Transition Pilot Program—Ann Tarpy, M.Ed, AZ Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries



8:45a-9:45a Comprehensive Neuro-Rehabilitation Programs: Sharing the Lessons Learned about Youth—Pam Klonoff, PhD, Center for Transitional Neuro-Rehabilitation; Irwin Altman, PhD, Allison Belkin, Rehab Without Walls; Kay Wing, DPT, Sarah Homan, Southwest Advanced Neurological Rehab (SWAN)

9:45a-10:00a Break

10:00a-11:00a Comprehensive Neuro-Rehabilitation Programs: Sharing the Lessons Learned about Families—Pam Klonoff, PhD, Center for Transitional Neuro-Rehabilitation; Irwin Altman, PhD, Allison Belkin, Rehab Without Walls; Kay Wing, DPT, Sarah Homan, SWAN

11:00a-12:00p Facilitated Dialogue with Comprehensive Neuro-Rehabilitation Programs and Participants—Facilitator B.J. Tatro, PhD

12:00p-1:00p Lunch (provided)

1:00p-2:00p Consumer Engagement: Statewide Independent Living Council—Melissa Ann Santos, AZ Youth Leadership Forum

2:00p-3:30p Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Implications and Potential for States; Overview and State Sharing - TBD

3:30p-3:45p Break

3:45p-5:00p Update on Children's Initiatives at the Center for Disease Control & Prevention—Juliet Haarbauer-Krupa, PhD, Senior Health Scientist Traumatic Brain Injury, Division of Unintentional Injury, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, Invited

Conference - Day 1: Sharing the Lessons, Advancing the Learning

Tuesday—September 12, 2017

7:30a-8:30a Continental Breakfast

7:30a-11:30a Conference Registration

8:30a-8:45a Welcome & Conference Overview—Stephanie O'Dea, MA, NASHIA President; Lorraine Wargo, RN, NASHIA Executive Director

8:45a-9:45a General Session: State of the State in Brain Injury in 2017—Cindy Harrison-Felix, PhD, FACRM, Director of Research, Craig Hospital; John D. Corrigan, PhD, The Ohio State University

9:45a-10:00a Break

10:00a-11:30a Workshops

1. Supporting Service Members, Military, Veterans and Families—Spotlight: VA Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Patricia Goodall, MEd, EdS, Manager, Brain Injury and Spinal Cord Services, Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services; State Sharing: Ohio and TBD
2. Native American Perspectives—Spotlight: Center for Human Development, University of Alaska Anchorage, Danielle Reed, Research and Evaluation; State Sharing: TBD
3. Intimate Partner Violence—Spotlight: Brain Injury Alliance of NE, Peggy Reisher, Executive Director; State Sharing: TBD

11:30a-1:00p Lunch & Transport to Ability 360

1:00p-2:30p Overview on the Administration for Community Living (ACL); Leveraging the Resources within ACL—Bob Williams, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities, Director of Independent Living Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services, Invited

2:30p-2:45p Break

2:45p-4:15p State Agency Collaboration with Community Partners—State Sharing: TBD

4:15p-5:00p NIDILRR: How Model Systems and States can Effectively Partner—Cate Miller, PhD, Rehabilitation Program Specialist, NIDILRR, Invited



5:00p-5:15p Break

5:15p-7:00p NASHIA Orientation and Reception—Susan Vaughn, M.Ed, NASHIA Director of Public Policy

Conference - Day 2: Sharing the Lessons, Advancing the Learning

Wednesday—September 13, 2017

7:00a-9:30a Conference Registration and Breakfast

8:00a-9:15a Optional Session: “Learning to Live Again”—A dramatic presentation of the journey of a couple after TBI, written and performed by the couple—Aspire Place

9:30a-10:15a General session: Rethinking Program Evaluation (ACL) - Susan Jenkins, PhD, Director, Office of Performance and Evaluation ; Jennifer Tillery, Social Science Analyst, Center for Policy Evaluation, ACL

10:15a-10:30a Break

10:30a-12:00p Workshops

1. LTSS: Innovative Approaches Leading toward Better Outcomes Part 1—Broad Perspective: Susan Vaughn, M.Ed, NASHIA Director of Public Policy; Stefanie O’Dea, MA, Office of Older Adults and Long Term Services and Supports, Behavior Health Administration, Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
2. Training Approaches: Conducting Effective Training on Brain Injury—State Sharing: Anastasia Edmonston, Maryland Behavioral Health Administration; Gabriela Lawrence-Soto, Elder Grant Program Coordinator, Brain Injury and Statewide Specialized Services, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
3. Innovative Approaches to Employment Following Brain Injury—TBD

12:00p-1:30p Lunch & Membership Meeting—Lorraine Wargo, RN, NASHIA Executive Director & Stefanie O’Dea, NASHIA President

1:45p-3:15p Workshops

1. State advisory Boards; Roles, Sustainability, and Action Planning—TBD
2. Implementing Successful Resource Facilitation and Service Coordination Supports—TBD
3. LTSS: Innovative Approaches Leading toward Better Outcomes Part II—State Sharing: Monica Lichi, PC, MBA, CCRP and John D. Corrigan, PhD, The Ohio State University, Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation; Benjamin Woodworth, MSW, CBIST, Director of Training, Iowa Association of Community Providers; Thomas Brown, CEO and Executive Director,

Community NeuroRehab of Iowa

3:15p-3:30p Break

3:30p-4:30p Overview of Current Initiatives: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)—Grant Baldwin, PhD, MPH, Director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC, Invited

Conference - Day 3: Sharing the Lessons, Advancing the Learning

Thursday—September 14, 2017

7:30a-8:30a Conference Registration and Breakfast

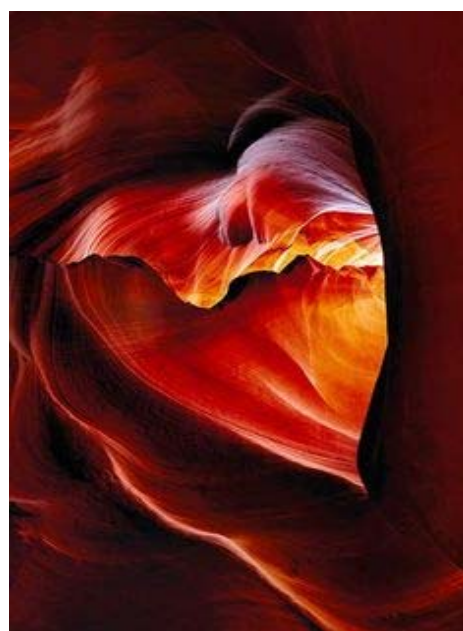
8:30a-9:45a General Session: This Week in Washington—Susan Vaughn, M.Ed, NASHIA Director of Public Policy; Bill Ditto, MSW, NASHIA Public Policy Committee Chair; Rebeccah Wolfkiel, Government Relations Consultant; Amy Colberg, M.Ed, Director of Government Affairs, Brain Injury Association of America

9:45a-10:30a Protection and Advocacy—TBD

10:30a-10:45a Break

10:45a-11:45a General Session: ACL Plans for the Future—Thom Campbell, MA, Director of the Administration on Disabilities’ Office of Innovation in the Administration for Community Living; Elizabeth Leef, BS, Senior Program Specialist, Administration on Disabilities, Administration for Community Living and Dana Fink, Program Analyst, ACL, Invited

11:45a-12:00p Closing Remarks—Lorraine Wargo, NASHIA Executive Director and Stefanie O’Dea, NASHIA President





NASHIA sincerely thanks the 2017 SOS planning committee members for their outstanding work.

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