
June Klein-Bacon Appointed as New Executive Director of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa

The Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA) is delighted to announce the appointment of June Klein-Bacon as the organization's new Executive Director. June brings over two decades of professional experience in human services, long-term services and supports, and extensive knowledge in the field of brain injury.

June's journey with the BIAIA began in 2013, where she has since served in various capacities, including Associate Director and Director of Programs and Services. Her tenure has been marked by unwavering dedication to the mission of the BIAIA and a deep commitment to serving individuals affected by brain injury, caregivers, and professionals in the field.

During her time at BIAIA, June has played a pivotal role in program development, operations, and finance, demonstrating exceptional leadership skills and a keen understanding of the complex needs of those impacted by brain injury.

June's contributions extend beyond the BIAIA, as she has collaborated with various organizations and agencies to provide education, advocacy, and support on a local, statewide, and national level.

Prior to her tenure at BIAIA, June served in key roles at the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging and Exceptional Persons, Inc., where she honed her skills in options counseling, case management, and program management within the realm of disability services.

As June assumes her new role as Executive Director, she will be succeeding Geoffrey Lauer, who has served with distinction for over two decades. BIAIA is delighted to have Geoff's invaluable contributions to the BIAIA continue as he transitions to the role of Chief Strategic Officer, ensuring continuity and steadfast support for the organization's mission.

The Board of Directors expresses deep gratitude to Geoff for his exemplary leadership and warmly welcomes June Klein-Bacon to her new position. Under June's guidance, the BIAIA looks forward to continuing its vital work of providing resources, advocacy, and support to individuals affected by brain injury throughout Iowa.

Please join us in congratulating June Klein-Bacon on her appointment as the new Executive Director of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. We are confident that her vision, passion, and expertise will propel the BIAIA to new heights of impact and success.

Warmly,
Janice Megel
Chairperson
Board of Directors
Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa

Returning To School Early, Limited Screen Time Helps Teens Improve Recovery time from Concussion, Study Finds

[HealthDay](#) (2/14, Miller) reported, “A mental workout can speed teens’ recovery from a concussion, especially if it takes place in the classroom.” New [research](#) published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine “shows that returning to school early after a concussion and limiting screen time help symptoms resolve sooner.” The study found that, on average, “kids returned to school about one week after a concussion. When that was delayed, symptoms lasted longer. Club activities were linked to faster recovery.”

Research Article on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

This study explores the perspectives of intimate partner violence (IPV) survivors and staff of brain injury (BI) screening, and the neuropsychological evaluation (NPE) process. We gathered qualitative data from 17 participants – 10 IPV survivors, at risk for a BI, who had received BI screening and a NPE and a total of 7 staff in IPV-serving organizations.

[Full article is here.](#)

Upcoming Webinars and Events



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Jeff Nachbar
Public Policy Director,
Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance

WEBINAR
Thursday, May 23, 2024
12:00-1:00 PM CST

Register at www.biaia.org
and click **Events**.

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**SHATTERED MINDS:
A CLOSER LOOK AT PTSD AND
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**

LYNETTE ANDERSON
NEURO RESOURCE FACILITATOR, BIAIA

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What is [REGISTER HERE](#) facilitation?

Neuro Resource Facilitation is a fee-free service offered by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa to help people with brain injury and their families, caregivers, and community navigate challenges after a brain injury. We provide support remotely to Iowans over the phone, email or zoom! Access support following brain injury as you, your loved one or your client seek to live well post injury. One component of our services includes connecting individuals and families with the services in their communities.

One example includes connecting a client to [Easter Seals](#) to assess options for equipment to support them in staying in their home while also navigating options for adult day care, home health care and assess options for HCBS Waiver services. Learn more about Neuro Resource Facilitation services [HERE](#).



Educational Topics Survey

What topics related to brain injury would you like to see in upcoming webinars hosted by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa? Your feedback is valued and appreciated! Thank you.

Scan **QR code** to participate in the survey or click [HERE](#).

Call for Webinar Proposals

The Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa is looking for presenters to deliver webinars on topics related to brain injury treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, and support. Presentations can target professionals or survivors and their loved ones. Scan QR code to submit proposal or click [HERE](#).



NeuroResource Facilitation



Neuro Resource Facilitators are available to serve Iowans; to answer questions and connect those with a brain injury to resources and information. Learn more about this program [HERE](#). BIAIA is one call away.

[BIAIA Satisfaction Survey](#)



Our mission at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, advocacy, education, research and support. Join us on our platforms to obtain the latest and most relevant information pertaining to brain injury.