

Two Upcoming Events You Do Not Want To Miss!



February 14, 2024 Brain Injury Advocacy Day on the Hill is an opportunity for you to join a group of fellow advocates to communicate with your legislators about brain injury!

The 32nd Annual Best Practices in Brain Injury Services Conference is the place to be, March 7th and 8th in Coralville, Iowa! We've got a great line up ready for you! Hotel block is available for you until February 14, 2024.

[Click Here to Learn More and Register Today!](#)

Important Leadership Announcement from Geoffrey Lauer

Dear BIAIA Constituents,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share a significant update regarding leadership at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA) and to reassure you of our commitment to the mission that we hold dear.

After much consideration and in collaboration with the leadership of BIAIA Board of Directors, I have accepted the position of Chief Strategic Officer (CSO) with the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. This is not a departure from my commitment to BIAIA, but is a change.

Consequently, as of December 31, 2023 I have stepped down from my role as Executive Director. This decision to shift roles was not made quickly or lightly, but with deep consideration and discussion for what is best for BIAIA and progression of my own personal and professional goals.

I want to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving as the Executive Director for more than 30 years, a journey that began as a volunteer! It has been an honor and a blessing to contribute to the growth and success of BIAIA and I am confident in the organizations's continued impact under new leadership. With a commitment to ensuring a seamless transition, the Board of Directors has engaged in a national search for the next CEO with numerous applications with the goal to select a new CEO that will ensure the continuity of our mission and services.

During this interim period, I am pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2024, June Klein-Bacon has been elected to serve as the Interim Executive Director. June brings over a decade of experience in human service leadership and has been a valuable member of the BIAIA team for over a decade.

In my new role as CSO, I remain committed to supporting BIAIA's operations, program development, advocacy efforts and our flagship program, Neuro Resource Facilitation. This change reflects the natural progression of BIAIA's more than 40 year history of successful and steady growth in its capacity to extend its mission to lowan's with brain injuries and their families.

I appreciate your past and ongoing support, and I am confident that together, we will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those impacted by brain injury.

Thank you for your support of our shared mission.

With warm regards,

Geoffrey Lauer

New Website Neuro Resource Facilitation Referral Feature

Did you know you can contact the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa to access Neuro Resource Facilitation services through our website contact us form? Click [HERE](#) to explore this new feature!

Anti-Resolutions: What WON'T you do this year?

by Trevor Lohrbeer

As the new year begins, it's common for people to create a list of New Year's resolutions: goals you want to achieve, habits you want to start or break, projects you want to complete.

Most resolutions don't work because we don't [make them actionable](#) or we don't [shift our identity](#) to allow those resolutions to take hold in our life. Read more [HERE](#).

International Group of Experts Redefines Concussions

Doctors and other health-care providers have a new standard for diagnosing mild traumatic brain injury (TBI), thanks to a thorough process led by researchers from the University of B.C. and Harvard-affiliated Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Read more [HERE](#).





2024 BIAIA Awards - Complete your nominations by February 23, 2024!

Annually, the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa recognizes individuals and organizations demonstrating an outstanding contribution to our organization and the field of brain injury. Recognition takes place during the Annual Conference on Thursday, March 7th, 2024.

Submit nomination [HERE.](#)

Upcoming Webinars and Events



BRAIN INJURY FUNDAMENTALS

This 4-week course is being offered to a limited number of Iowa professionals serving Iowans with brain injury and their families.

Tuesdays 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9
from 1:00 - 3:00 PM CST.

Register at www.biaia.org and go to Events.

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 1-855-444-6443

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Lurking, Liking, Posting, or Hashtagging: Using Social Media for Connection and its Role in Rehabilitation After Acquired Brain Injury

Dr. Melissa Brunner, Speech Pathologist and Faculty at The University of Sydney

Webinar, April 9, 2024 at 3:00-4:00 PM CST

Register at www.biaia.org and click Events.

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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



**BIAIA
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Nobody plans for a brain injury. One day you wake up every morning to start your daily routine and the next you're trying to navigate the challenges that are being thrown at you after your life altering experience. It's not easy, especially when you grieve the life you once lived. You may find yourself getting recurring headaches. You may experience a type of fatigue you did not know existed. Easily agitated? That may be new for you.

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.



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.