



BrainStorming July 2026



Join us for the Mind & Money Workshop Series!

The Brain Injury Association of Iowa in partnership with Children & Families of Iowa's Support for Careers program invite you to this FREE two-part workshop designed to empower individuals living with brain injury by providing practical tools, valuable resources, and supportive connections to help participants thrive at home, in the community, and in the workplace.

You'll learn about:

- Managing stress and emotions
- Staying organized and building routines
- Understanding communication after brain injury
- Navigating benefits and employment options
- Connecting with community resources

Who should attend?

- Individuals living with brain injury
- Family members and caregivers
- Professionals supporting people with brain injury

Workshops are available in:

Des Moines

Location: Polk County North Side Community Center, 3010 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA

Date: July 28 and July 30, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

REGISTRATION CLOSED

Indianola

Location: Indianola Public Library, 207 N B St. Indianola, IA

Date: September 1 and 2, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM; 5:15-7:15 PM on the 2nd

Registration deadline: August 25, 2026

Ames

Location: Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave Ames, IA

Date: September 8 and 9, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration deadline: September 1, 2026

Boone

Location: Ericson Public Library, 702 Greene St. Boone, IA

Date: September 15 and 16, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration deadline: September 7, 2026

Newton

Location: Newton Public Library 100 N 3rd Ave Newton, IA

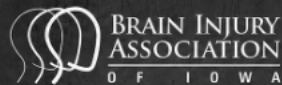
Date: September 22 and 23, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration deadline: September 15, 2026

[Register Here](#)

[Speaker Applications Open for the 35th Annual Best Practices in
Brain Injury Services Conference](#)



35th Annual Best Practices
in Brain Injury Services Conference

**STORIES THAT SHAPED US,
STORIES THAT LEAD US FORWARD**





For 35 years, BIAIA has been built on the power of stories, stories of resilience, innovation, care, advocacy, and connection. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite professionals, caregivers, and survivors to share the experiences, knowledge, and insights that have shaped the past, strengthen the present, and inspire the future of brain injury services and support. Your voice can educate, inspire, and move our field forward.

The theme, **"Stories That Shaped Us, Stories That Lead Us Forward"** will focus on topics that may include:

- **"The Next Chapter"**: Presentations focused on new data, research, promising practices, and academic perspectives shaping the future of brain injury services
- **"Between The Lines"**: Presentations focused on evidence-informed tools and interventions for brain injury services
- **"The Practical Screenplay"**: Presentations focused on hands-on tools or teachable frameworks for immediate use in practice
- **"An Ensemble Cast"**: Presentations focused on interdisciplinary teamwork, partnership models, and cross-system collaboration
- **"Setting the Scene"**: Presentations focused on context - community, systems, cross disciplinary engagement, and social determinants of health
- **"Writers Workshop"**: Presentations focused on staff development
- **"Stories That Stay With Us"**: Presentations focused on survivor and caregiver stories
- **Other**

Be part of the story - submit your proposal today!

Hear Us Roar – Disability Pride Celebration



Be part of this unforgettable day celebrating disability pride, community, and connection! This year, we're aiming to welcome 1,000 attendees for a day full of fun, activities, and shared experiences.

Location: Blank Park Zoo

Schedule: August 4 | Starting at 8:30 AM

Don't miss main stage events, animal experiences, ice cream social, "Wear Your Roar" & interactive activities!

[Learn more and register for this event!](#)

Support Groups



Our support groups are where individuals can connect, share experiences, and find encouragement. Together, we provide understanding, resources, and community to help one another navigate challenges and celebrate



navigate challenges and celebrate successes. Visit our [Support Group page](#) for more information.

Educational Topics Survey

What topics related to brain injury would you like to see in upcoming webinars hosted by the Brain Injury Association of Iowa? Your feedback is valued and appreciated! [Participate in the survey.](#)

[Call for Webinar Proposals](#)

The Brain Injury Association 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. [Submit proposal](#)

Brain Injury Resource Facilitation



Brain Injury 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.](#) Brain Injury Association of Iowa is one call away.



Our mission at the Brain Injury Association 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.