



BrainStorming June 2026



NASHIA News: House Appropriations Committee Provides Funding for Brain Injury Programs

The House Appropriations Committee recently approved its fiscal year 2027 spending bill for health-related programs. **The bill includes at least level funding for all of the federal programs that NASHIA leads and supports,** along with an increase for the CDC's traumatic brain injury work. Thank you to our members who have advocated and educated their Members of Congress to support these important programs, along with our Congressional champions, Reps. Lutrell and Deluzio for leading the appropriations sign-on letter with diverse, bipartisan signers.

Administration for Community Living Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program and Protection & Advocacy Program

The bill provides **\$13.1 million, which is level with fiscal year 2026.** These funds support the Administration for Community Living TBI State Partnership Program grants.

CDC Traumatic Brain Injury Program

The bill provides **\$9.25 million, an increase of \$1 million** over fiscal year 2026.

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

The Committee provides \$100,000,000 for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), which is equal

Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), which is equal to the fiscal year 2026 budget request. NIDILRR funds research and development of new innovative technological devices, prototypes, measurement tools, and interventions to help people with disabilities live more independently.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

The bill provides an increase in funding for NINDS. Committee report language recognizes the importance of traumatic brain injury research and encourages continued support for high-quality TBI research. The report notes that this work improves understanding of TBI and can lead to better diagnosis and potential treatments.

Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance

The bill provides **\$12.25 million**, level with fiscal year 2026. These funds support grants and innovative projects that promote independence, productivity, and community inclusion for people with disabilities. This funding supports both the Grassroots Project and the Link Center, two initiatives in which NASHIA is a partner.

The appropriations process is still in its early stages. The full House must still consider the bill, and the Senate will develop and advance its own funding legislation. Differences between the House and Senate bills would then need to be resolved through conference negotiations before a final package can be enacted. Given the compressed timeline and the challenges of completing appropriations in an election year, it is unlikely that all funding bills will be finalized before the September 30 deadline, making a continuing resolution (CR) likely to keep the government operating while negotiations continue. While much work remains, NASHIA is pleased to see key brain injury programs fully funded in the House Appropriations Committee version of the bill.

NASHIA News: A Weekly Member Memo, June 2026

June is Aphasia Awareness Month

Aphasia is a language impairment that can develop after a brain injury, affecting a person's ability to speak, understand spoken language, read, or write. It occurs when one or more areas of the brain responsible for language are damaged.



[Learn more about aphasia from Brain Injury Association of America's website.](#)



Mind & Money is a **free workshop series** designed to provide practical tools and strategies that can help individuals with brain injury navigate everyday life with greater confidence and success.

Whether you're preparing to return to work, exploring volunteer opportunities, building independent living skills, or looking to improve your overall quality of life, this workshop provides real-world guidance, actionable tips, and connections to ongoing support. Space is limited—register today to reserve your spot!

Des Moines

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

Date: July 28 and July 30, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration deadline: July 21, 2026

Indianola

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

Date: August 31 – September 2, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM; 5:15-7:15 PM on the 2nd
Registration deadline: August 24, 2026

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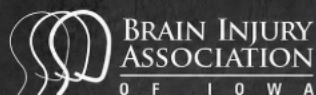
Location: Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Ave Ames, IA
Date: September 8 – 10, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Registration deadline: September 1, 2026

Boone

Location: Ericson Public Library, 702 Greene St. Boone, IA
Date: September 14 – 16, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Registration deadline: September 7, 2026

[Register Here](#)

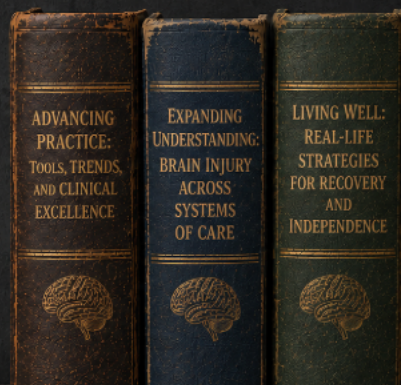
Annual Conference Call for Presenters



35th Annual Best Practices
in Brain Injury Services Conference

STORIES THAT SHAPED US,
STORIES THAT LEAD US FORWARD

March 25th and 26th, 2027
@ The Gateway in Ames, Iowa



Presentation proposals are now being accepted! Join us in shaping this year's conference by sharing your knowledge, experience, and innovative ideas. This annual event brings together professionals, advocates, and community members to learn from one another, strengthen the field, and advance brain injury awareness. If you have insights or practical strategies to share, we encourage you to submit a proposal.

[Submit your proposals today!](#)

Brain Injury Research Participation Opportunity

We are sharing an opportunity from Mount Sinai's Brain Injury Research Center for adults with a history of head injury. Take part in a 20–30 minute anonymous survey on brain health, aging, and dementia awareness. Read more about the research below.



STUDY-26-00203

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION: ONLINE SURVEY HEAD INJURY & AGING

What is this research about?

- We hope to learn what people with head injury know about

- We hope to learn what people with head injury know about dementia, what can raise or lower the risk for dementia, and what they know about healthy aging and brain health.
- We also want to understand how motivated people are to stay healthy as they age.
- The survey will also ask about basic personal information, health history, and past exposures to head injury.

Who can participate?

- Adults over 18 years
- Sustained a head injury OR repetitive head impacts
- Reside in the USA

What will participants be asked to do?

- Online surveys of 20-30 minutes

How do I know if I had a head injury?

- Head injuries are common following a fall, vehicle crash, an assault, contact sports, and military service
- If you are unsure if you have had a head injury, contact us to find out if you qualify.

HOW DO I TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH?



Effective Date: 3/19/2026
End Date:



Survey Link:

<https://redcap.link/7nx1n86r>

QR code -->

E-mail: birc@mountsinai.org

Call: (212)241-5152



Use this button to participate in this research

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 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.