



**CALL FOR POSTERS  
BIAPA Annual Conference  
October 24 - 26, 2021**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
Friday, May 7, 2021**

You are invited to submit a Poster Proposal. This year's theme is:

**Celebrating Connections and Collaboration in Brain Injury Rehabilitation**

The Conference hosts 350 attendees, including professionals, educators, persons with brain injury, family members, students, and volunteers. Attendees at the Conference have varying levels of experience in working with or living with brain injuries. This year's Annual Conference is being designed to ensure that attendees leave with greater appreciation of the progress that has been made in brain injury rehabilitation over the past 20 years and why there is so much hope for the future.

Presentations are a great way to share your expertise and contribute to advances in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Professionals attending typically include: certified brain injury specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers, nurses, psychologists, therapeutic recreation specialists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, cognitive rehabilitation therapists, physicians, case managers, personal care home administrators, educators, individuals with interest in alternative treatments, and representatives from various fields of health care.

**General Information:**

- The Conference is scheduled for three days to provide extensive knowledge and a significant number of continuing education units. The dates for the 2021 Annual Conference are Sunday, October 24, Monday, October 25, and Tuesday, October 26, 2021.
- The Conference will be held at the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center in Lancaster, PA.
- Posters will be displayed outside the general session room.
- Attendees will have scheduled times on Monday to visit the poster displays.
- Handouts are optional for posters. Handouts must be supplied by the presenter.
- BIAPA will provide a link to the handout file on the BIAPA website. PDF file versions are preferred. Once selected, handout files must be submitted by September 15, 2021.
- **Poster proposals must be received by noon on Friday, May 7, 2021**

**Poster Presentation Submission Guidelines:**

- Posters may be no larger than 36" x 48".
- Posters must be mounted on sturdy foam or cardboard and be able to be placed on an easel. Easels will be provided at the Conference for all posters.

**Poster Selection Guidelines/Criteria:**

- Topics match audience needs and support the Conference theme.
- The proposal addresses at least one focus area on the next page.
- Attendees gain tools, knowledge, or skills that can be applied immediately.
- The poster format stimulates interaction between the attendees and the poster authors.
- The quality of the content meets professional standards.

## Poster Focus Areas & Topics

### Celebrating Connections and Collaboration in Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Focus Areas	Suggested Topics
<p><b>Services: Practical Approaches &amp; Creative Solutions</b></p> <p>While applicable to all attendees, this focus area may be of particular relevance to clinicians looking for new ways to address challenging behaviors or issues following brain injury. This category will focus on innovative and/or unique approaches to resolving brain-injury related issues, with an impact on residential/home life, community access (including school and vocational reentry), and true inclusion in society.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive rehabilitation therapy</li> <li>• Educational support (academic coaching as well as tutoring)</li> <li>• Job development, coaching, and follow-along</li> <li>• Mood issues after brain injury</li> <li>• Management of behavior, impulsivity, and anger</li> <li>• Substance abuse issues</li> <li>• Relationships, sexuality, and/or LGBTQ issues</li> <li>• Social, leisure, and recreational opportunities</li> <li>• Design and implementation of innovative approaches in treatment planning</li> <li>• Spirituality</li> <li>• Wellness initiatives, including nutrition and exercise (strength training/balance)</li> <li>• Mindfulness, meditation, and other stress-reducing techniques</li> <li>• Lifelong planning</li> <li>• Innovative community/home-based programs</li> <li>• Aging</li> <li>• Art, equestrian, aquatic, horticulture, and music therapies</li> <li>• Assistive technology and user-friendly devices</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supports, Services, &amp; Policy Updates</b></p> <p>This focus area is applicable to all attendees and is intended to provide information on supports and services. It will include updates on funding, supports, services, advocacy, and legislative efforts. It will also focus on current issues related to legislative and policy decisions that may impact state and national health care concerns. This category will be helpful to clinicians, case managers, life care planners, lawyers, administrators, and management staff, as well as to survivors and family members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support groups (already established or in development)</li> <li>• Legislative update and discussion of proposed/needed legislation</li> <li>• Update on Community Health Choices, the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Head Injury Program and NeuroResource Facilitation Program</li> <li>• Provider challenges, such as staff recruitment and retention, payor issues, and service guidelines</li> <li>• Advocacy efforts, including self-advocacy</li> <li>• Parenting after brain injury</li> <li>• Caregiver training and family education</li> <li>• Respite care options, including vacation planning</li> <li>• Financial empowerment and planning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research, Research in Progress, &amp; Outcomes Measurement</b></p> <p>This focus area will include presentations on research designs and results representing all classes of research. It should be of interest to graduate students and faculty members in rehabilitation-related curricula, clinical and research staff, case managers, and life care planners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of new research findings in brain injury rehabilitation (may include research in progress)</li> <li>• The value and the limitations of evidence-based research studies</li> <li>• The value of field studies and single-subject designs in post-acute brain injury rehabilitation</li> <li>• Data collection methods for clinicians attempting to validate treatment efficacy</li> <li>• Methods of measuring and documenting outcomes of unique treatment approaches</li> <li>• Ways to incorporate quality of life measures into research</li> <li>• Collaborative approaches to improve outcomes of incarcerated individuals with brain injuries</li> <li>• Update on TBI Model Systems Projects</li> </ul>

**Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
Poster Submission Form**

**Poster Proposal**

**Name of each presenter:** Please provide the name/credentials of each person participating in the poster.

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**Title of Poster (*Required*):**

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- Applicable Focus Area:**
- Services: Practical Approaches & Creative Solutions
  - Supports, Services, & Policy Updates
  - Research, Research in Progress, & Outcome Measurements

**Poster Description (*Required for all proposals*):** Please provide a 100-WORD description of the poster content. The Planning Committee reserves the right to edit descriptions.

**PRESENTER INFORMATION**

An information form must be completed for EACH person contributing to the poster.  
All information is required.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Job Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author Biography or Resume:** All collaborators must submit a CV, resume, or biography including educational history. Please attach as an electronic file. **(Required)**

Proposals must be received by noon on Friday, May 7, 2021.

### ***Submission Task List***

- ***Submission Form***
- ***Presenter Information for Every Author***
- ***CV, Resume or Biography for Every Author***
  - **Email:** [admin@biapa.org](mailto:admin@biapa.org) – An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your poster proposal
  - **Mail:** Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
947 Wayne Avenue, No. 110, Chambersburg PA 17201
  - **Questions:** Contact Sandra Powell at [admin@biapa.org](mailto:admin@biapa.org) or 833-242-7248.

**PLEASE NOTE – Email is the preferred method. Upon receipt of your proposal, an email confirmation will be sent. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of submission, please contact [admin@biapa.org](mailto:admin@biapa.org). BIAPA is not responsible for lost submissions.**

**Poster Author Registration Fee:** Our conference policy provides no fee or honorarium for workshop or poster presentations.

**\*If you plan to attend the conference, the conference allows one author to register at a reduced registration fee for presenters. Additional authors must register at the full conference rate. A discounted registration form will be provided for the selected posters.**