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**Northern Kentucky Second Annual  
 Traumatic Brain Injury Conference**

**Building Blocks to a Better Future:  
 Brain Injury Recovery Strategies**

Sheraton Cincinnati Airport Hotel  
 2826 Terminal Drive · Hebron, KY 41048

March 28, 2008  
 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Conference Layout**

Hallway off Lobby	Registration Continental Breakfast Sponsor Exhibits Afternoon Cookie Breaks <i>(compliments of Sheraton)</i>
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*Each Conference Meeting Room has a sign posted on wall outside door that reads:  
 GENERAL SESSION, TRACK ONE or TRACK TWO*

Concorde A/B	GENERAL SESSION Lunch Door Prizes <i>(at the end of the day)</i>
Concorde C	Concurrent Session – TRACK ONE
Concorde D	Concurrent Session – TRACK TWO

**Conference Objectives**

1. Explain the advances in treatment and rehabilitation for persons with traumatic brain injury.
2. Analyze legal rights, legal remedies, and ethical responsibilities of brain injured patients, their families, and care providers.
3. Demonstrate an ability to utilize local and regional resources to assist brain injured clients to improve quality of life and ability to manage daily responsibilities.

**Approved CEUs / CLEs**  
 Approved CEUs and CLEs are listed at Registration.

**Evaluations / Certificate of Completion**  
 In order to receive continuing education credit, the participant must sign the roster, attend the entire program and complete an evaluation. At the end of the conference, the evaluations will be collected, and a Certificate of Completion will be distributed.

## About our Speakers

**Bill Baumann, MS, CRC, CCM** - Bill is the Vice President of the Supported Living Programs and Vocational Services at the Center for Comprehensive Services (CCS) in Carbondale, Illinois, a MENTOR ABI Group partner. He has been at CCS since 1986 having worked as the Coordinator of Client Advocacy, Associate Director of Case Management and Vocational Services, and Program Director for Supported Living. He received his Masters degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Southern Illinois University in 1978. Since this time he has designed and implemented services for people with acquired brain injury as a Vocational Counselor at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and as the Assistant Director at Phase Four, Transitional Living Program, and in his present position. He has given numerous ABI presentations to people living with the effects of an ABI, family members and professions on Quality of Life issues, Vocational Rehabilitation and Extended Support Services. He has been active with national, state and local organizations in support of persons with an ABI and their family members.

**Roger N. Braden, JD, RN** - Roger is a partner with Sutton, Hicks, Lucas, Grayson & Braden, PLC in Edgewood, Kentucky since 2001 and has been practicing law since 1984. An experienced attorney and a former Registered Nurse with vast experience in trauma cases, Roger concentrates his law practice in the areas of catastrophic brain injury, personal injury and health law. Roger is Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. In the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 editions of the *Cincy (formerly CincyBusiness) Magazine*, Roger was selected by his peers as one of the leading medical malpractice attorneys in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. In 2007 he was selected by his peers as a *SuperLawyer* in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is also a member Brain Injury Association of Kentucky and the North American Brain Injury Society. He is active with BRIDGES (Brain Injury Demands Guidance, Education and Support) in Northern Kentucky and in 2007 was a leader in forming the 1st Annual Brain Injury Conference in Northern Kentucky and currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

**James P. Farrell, MD** - Dr. Farrell is a neurologist with Riverhills HealthCare in Northern Kentucky. In addition to neurology, he is also board certified in neuro rehabilitation. He is the Stroke and Brain Injury Program Director at HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Farrell is also on the medical staff of the St. Luke and St. Elizabeth Hospitals.

**Julianna Foster, MSW, LCSW** - Julianna is a counselor and obtained a BA in Independent Studies in the field of Psychology at Murray State University and her MSW from SIU in Carbondale. Prior to coming to CCS, she was employed at Four Rivers Behavioral Health as a Coordinator for Therapeutic Rehabilitation serving the Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill population in Western Kentucky. She was involved in program development, conducting individual and group therapy sessions, and facilitating consumer advocacy, as well as many other responsibilities. She acquired her Level 1 and 2 training for Eye Movement & Desensitization Reprocesses (EMDR) and for the treatment of PTSD as well as other psychological issues such as depression, low self-esteem, and anxiety. Ms. Foster joined the clinical team at the Center for Comprehensive Services in Paducah in 2003 where she has continued to provide individual and group therapy, assessment for psychiatric symptoms, guidance for medication therapy, and behavioral intervention strategies.

**Larry Hicks, JD** - Larry Hicks is managing partner at the law firm of Sutton, Hicks, Lucas, Grayson & Braden since 1992 and has been practicing law since 1984. Larry has predominantly represented individuals and families in the fight against insurance companies and negligent medical providers. He has been successful in obtaining compensation through settlements and jury verdicts for hundreds of injured persons. In the 2006, 2007 and 2008 editions of the *Cincy (formerly CincyBusiness) Magazine*, Larry was selected by his peers as one of the leading personal injury attorneys in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. In 2007 he was a leader in forming the First Annual Brain Injury Conference in Northern Kentucky and currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

**Dea Jones, MEd** - Dea (pronounced Day) Jones earned her MEd from Xavier University. She has twenty years of experience as a classroom teacher with additional experience working with families in crisis. Since 2001, Dea has served as the school intervention coordinator for the Division of Pediatric Rehabilitation at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The focus of her work is with patients who have experienced traumatic brain injury; serving as a liaison between the hospital and schools to assist in the transition from hospital back to school. Her responsibilities cover a 100 mile radius of Cincinnati taking her to Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. She currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

**Stephanie Lambers, Med, OTR/L** - Stephanie has over 13 years of experience as a provider of rehabilitation services to trauma patients. In addition, she has over 8 years of experience in community health education. She has completed extensive continuing education for the rehabilitation of and prevention of traumatic injuries. Her background as an Occupational Therapist working with trauma patients has contributed to her commitment to Think First. She has been involved with the TriHealth Think First program for over 12 years and the program director for 8 years. Stephanie is the mother of three children: ages 8 years, 6 years and 1 year. She credits her children for providing her with countless "real life experiences" in injury prevention.

**Cyndi Masters - KEYNOTE SPEAKER** - Cyndi is a nationally recognized speaker whose inspirational message has motivated many individuals to triumph over obstacles. Cyndi is a traumatic brain injury survivor who also overcame breast cancer and survived a fall of 14 feet which resulted in a cervical fracture and temporary paralysis. She has triumphed over these challenges to become CEO and sole owner of DBS Interactive, a website design, software development and online marketing firm. It is one of the country's few woman-owned technology companies.

**James M. Plunkett, MD** - Dr. Plunkett is Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist who has practiced in the Greater Cincinnati area since 1994 and was appointed as Volunteer Assistant Professor in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine department of P.M.&R. He is practicing full-time at the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the areas of Polytrauma Rehabilitation, Pain, and Amputee clinics. Dr. Plunkett is Acting Rehabilitation Care Line manager and Traumatic Brain Injury clinic medical director at Cincinnati VAMC. His specialty training is in Pain Medicine, Spinal Cord Medicine, Electro-diagnostic Medicine, and Acupuncture.

**Eddie Reynolds, BTheol, MDiv** - Eddie, a native of Kentucky, is Outreach Coordinator at the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky (BIAK) for the past 2.5 years. He administers the BIAK outreach program to local hospitals and rehabilitation facilities in Louisville. He provides education about brain injury, advocacy for services and prevention activities in the community. For nearly twenty years, Eddie has been a full-time, vocational pastor in churches in Kentucky and Tennessee. Prior to his work at BIAK, he worked in adult rehabilitation at Independent Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. There, he worked directly with persons with a wide array of disabilities including brain injury. He worked to help the company get its Supported Employment program and Supports for Community Living programs established. He currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

**Alice G. Rini, JD, MS, RN** - Alice is a nurse-attorney currently working as a private consultant primarily to long-term care agencies. Her past experience includes many years as a University professor in Kentucky and New York. She has also worked in an 'of counsel' position to a local law firm. Her publications include contributions to books in the subject areas of elder law, elder housing and long term care, nursing leadership and management, nursing and legal ethics, and communication and documentation. She has also published articles in professional journals and presented papers and research to professional groups of nurses, attorneys, and educators. Alice is also skilled with the rifle and handgun and often serves as a range officer during shooting sport events. She currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

**Julie Wring, MA** - Julie started as an educator working within the remedial reading and math program in the Indianapolis inter-city schools. After deciding to pursue a somewhat different career, she graduated from Indiana University with a Masters in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She has been a speech-language pathologist for over 14 years. She has worked with people from birth to nearly 100 years young in a variety of settings and diagnoses. Currently, she is the senior speech-language pathologist at HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital for over two years. She gets excited learning something new and rewarded when she can share it with others.

**Julie Young, RN, MEd** - Julie has been a registered nurse for over 25 years. She has been the Director of Marketing for HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital for the past five years. She received Diploma in Nursing from Community School of Nursing in Springfield OH, her bachelors degree from the College of Mt. St. Joseph and her Masters Degree in Clinical Counseling from Xavier University. She has a keen interest in the emotional recovery after brain injury and stroke. She currently serves on the 2nd Annual Northern Kentucky Brain Injury Conference Planning Committee.

8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration / Continental Breakfast / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>
8:30 – 8:45	<b>Welcome / Opening Remarks</b> <i>Roger Braden, JD, RN - Sutton, Hicks, Lucas, Grayson &amp; Braden, PLC</i>
8:45 – 9:45	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <u>Brain Injury: A Neurologist's Perspective</u> <i>James Farrell, MD, Neurologist and Medical Director - Riverhills Healthcare; Director of Neurorehabilitation Program - HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital</i>
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

	TRACK ONE	TRACK TWO
10:00 – 10:45	<u>Return to Work and Involvement in the Life of the Community After Brain Injury</u> <i>Bill Baumann, MS, CRC, CCM, Vice President of Supported Living Programs and Vocational Services – Center for Comprehensive Services - Mentor ABI</i>	<u>New Technologies in Brain Injury Rehabilitation</u> <i>Julie Young, RN, MEd, Director of Marketing - HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital</i>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>	
11:00 – 11:45	<u>Treatment for Individuals with PTSD &amp; ABI</u> <i>Julianna Foster, MSW, LCSW, Counselor/Behavior Programming - Center for Comprehensive Services - Mentor ABI</i>	<u>Navigating the Legal System and Knowing Your Legal Rights</u> <i>Roger Braden, JD, RN; Larry Hicks, JD; - Attorneys from Sutton, Hicks, Lucas, Grayson &amp; Braden, PLC; Alice G. Rini, JD, MS, RN - Consultant</i>
11:45 – 1:00	<b>Lunch / Visit Sponsor Exhibits / Keynote Speaker</b> <u>The Impossible Dream</u> <i>Cyndi Masters, Brain Injury Survivor, CEO and Owner - Digital Business Solutions</i>	
1:00 – 1:45	<u>Knowing Your Educational Rights</u> <i>Dea Jones, MEd, School Intervention Coordinator - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center</i>	<u>Think First Injury Prevention: What we do and how a survivor or health care professional can get involved</u> <i>Stephanie Lambers M.Ed. OTR/L, Injury Prevention Coordinator/TriHealth Think First Program Director - TriHealth (Bethesda North and Good Samaritan Hospitals, Cincinnati)</i>
1:45 – 2:00	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>	
2:00 – 2:45	<u>Planning for a Better Future: Utilizing Resource Management in putting your life back together</u> <i>Eddie Reynolds, BTheol, MDiv, Outreach Coordinator - Brain Injury Association of Kentucky</i>	<u>Cognitive Retraining After BI</u> <i>Julie Wring, MA, Speech Therapist - HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital</i>
2:45 - 3:00	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>	
3:00 - 4:00	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <u>Post-concussive Syndrome and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury among returning Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans: Lessons Learned</u> <i>James Plunkett, MD, Acting Rehabilitation Care Line Manager and Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic Medical Director - Cincinnati Veteran's Affairs Medical Center</i>	
4:00 - 4:30	<b>Adjournment – Evaluations and Door Prizes Drawing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In order to receive continuing education credit, the participant must sign the roster, attend the entire program and complete an evaluation. A Certificate of Completion will be distributed.</i></li> <li><i>Door prize raffle tickets are given upon Registration at the beginning of the day.</i></li> <li><i>Return your name badges before leaving the conference.</i></li> </ul>	