



Northern Kentucky Third Annual  
Traumatic Brain Injury Conference

**Friday, March 27, 2009**

## Conference Layout

Madison Lobby Upper	Registration Sponsor Exhibits
DE Ballroom	Platinum Sponsor Exhibits Continental Breakfast Silent Auction General Session – AM & PM Track 1 - Clinicians Lunch Keynote Speakers - <b>Box Lunch by Ticket Only</b>
Meeting Room 1	Track 2 - Adult Survivor/Caregiver
Meeting Room 2	Track 3 - Pediatric Survivor/Caregiver
Meeting Room 3	Track 4 - <b>** For Brain Injured Persons **</b> AM – Employment Awareness Mini-Sessions PM – Vocational Job Fair & School Exhibits

Bid on Silent  
Auction  
Items

**Conference Objectives:**

1. Describe the needs and expectations of brain injured persons returning to their communities.
2. Evaluate the educational, training, and recreational needs for children and adults who have experienced brain injuries.
3. Analyze new treatments and research in the rehabilitation of brain injured persons.
4. Identify employment opportunities for recovering brain injured persons.

### PROGRAM

***Light on the Horizon – Brain Injured Persons in our Community***

Northern Kentucky Convention Center  
One West RiverCenter Blvd · Covington KY 41048

***March is  
Brain Injury  
Awareness  
Month***

Approved CEUs / 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.

Visit  
Exhibitor  
Booths

- Participants may attend sessions of different tracks.
- Survivors and family members are eligible to win door prizes awarded after each session in Tracks 2 & 3.

8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration, Continental Breakfast, Sponsor Exhibits</b>
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Welcome / Opening Remarks</b> <i>Sarah Slone, Brain Injury Association of Kentucky, Director of Family Outreach</i>
8:40 – 8:45	<b>Interested Brain Injured Persons should immediately exit Ballroom DE at 8:40 am for Track 4-Employment Awareness Mini-Sessions (Non-CEU) in Meeting Room 3. First session begins at 9 am.</b>
8:45 – 9:45	<b>General Session</b> <b><u>Approaching Cerebral Impairments from a Clinical Perspective: Models of Functional Recovery</u></b> <i>D. Bradley Burton, PhD, Pathways/Christopher East NeuroRehabilitation Center, Consulting Clinical Neuropsychologist</i>
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>

	<b>TRACK 1 – D&amp;E BALLROOM CLINICIAN</b>	<b>TRACK 2 – MEETING RM 1 ADULT SURVIVOR/CAREGIVER</b>	<b>TRACK 3 – MEETING RM 2 PEDIATRIC SURVIVOR/CAREGIVER</b>	<b>TRACK 4 – MEETING RM 3 EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS &amp; SCHOOL/JOB FAIR</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<b>Experimental traumatic brain injury for the identification of neuropathology, behavioral morbidity and therapeutic <u>intervention</u></b> <i>Jonathan Lifshitz, PhD, Spinal Cord &amp; Brain Injury Research Center, Anatomy &amp; Neurobiology and Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation, Assistant Professor</i>	<b>Day-to-Day Cognitive Issues and <u>Dealing with Long-term Effects</u></b> <i>Jenny Jordan, M.S, CCC-SLP Center for Comprehensive Services, Program Coordinator</i>	<b>Brain Injury, <u>Assistive Technology, and Work</u></b> <i>Carol Weber, M.S., RESNA, Rehabilitation Technology Branch Manager / Rebecca Mathis, M.S., UK Human Development Institute, Rehabilitation Engineer</i>	<b>Mini-Sessions for Brain Injured Persons (non CEU)</b>  <b><u>See Separate Schedule</u></b>  9:00 – 9:20 Session A 9:25 – 9:45 Session B 9:45 – 10:00 Break 10:00 – 10:20 Session C 10:25 – 10:45 Session D 10:45 – 11:00 Break 11:00 – 11:45 Session E
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b>			
<b>11:00 – 11:45</b>	<b><u>Devices &amp; Drugs in Brain Injury Rehabilitation</u></b> <i>Julie Young, RN, MEd, American Nursing Care, Director of Sales</i>	<b><u>Adaptive Sports Are Fun and Build Self-Confidence After Life-Altering Events</u></b> <i>Alice G. Rini, JD, MS, RN, / Lisa Wilson, BSN, RN, Survivor, DAV State Service Officer</i>	<b><u>Transition from High School to College</u></b> <i>Dea Jones, MEd, CCHMC, School Intervention Coordinator / Colleen Kane, MEd, Gateway Community &amp; Technical College, Disability Services Coordinator</i>	11:45 – Return to Ballroom DE for Lunch/Keynote Speakers

11:45 – 1:00	<p align="center"><b>Lunch / Visit Sponsor Exhibits / Keynote Speakers / BRIDGES AWARDS</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Covington Mayor Denny Bowman – Greeting and Brain Injury Awareness Proclamation</b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Striving Toward the Light</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Keynote Speakers: <i>Sergeant Bryce Bezdek, Survivor, and his wife, Toni Bezdek</i></b></p> <p align="center"><b>Presentation of BRIDGES Awards</b></p>			
1:00 – 1:45	<p><b>Post-concussive Syndrome and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury among Returning Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans: A Team Approach</b></p> <p align="center"><i>James Plunkett, MD, Rehabilitation Care Line Manager and Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic Medical Director - Cincinnati Veteran's Affairs Medical Center</i></p>	<p><b><u>Recreation Therapy - Rehabilitation to Life</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Garrett Cook, BS, CTRS, Center for Comprehensive Services, Supervisor-Supported Living Services</i></p>	<p><b><u>The Rules of the Road: Common-Sense Investing</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Jacqueline LeVoir, AAMS, Edward Jones, Financial Advisor</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>VOCATIONAL JOB FAIR &amp; SCHOOL EXHIBITS</b></p> <p align="center"><b>1:00 – 2:45</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gateway Community &amp; Technical College</li> <li>• New Perceptions</li> <li>• Project Employ</li> <li>• Redwood</li> <li>• Thomas More College</li> <li>• University of Cincinnati</li> <li>• Vocational Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Welcome House</li> </ul>
1:45 – 2:00	<p align="center"><b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 2 PM</b></p>			
2:00 – 2:45	<p><b>Cognitive Deficits and the Impact of Speech-Language Pathology on Community Reintegration</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Kathleen M. Youse, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, BC ANCDs, UK Department of Rehabilitation Services, Assistant Professor</i></p>	<p><b><u>Shining the Light on Survivor's Legal Rights</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Roger Braden, JD, RN / Larry Hicks, JD, Sutton Rankin Law, Attorneys</i></p>	<p><b><u>Family Fun: Planning to Play Together</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Peg Gutzell, Ed.D., NCC, LPCC, Inclusion Network, Director</i></p>	
2:45 - 3:00	<p align="center"><b>Break / Visit Sponsor Exhibits</b></p>			
3:00 - 4:00	<p align="center"><b>General Session</b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>The Future for TBI through Research</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Lori Shutter, MD, Director, NSICU/Neurocritical Care Program Assoc, Clinical Neurosurgery &amp; Neurology, University of Cincinnati</i></p>			
4:00 - 4:30	<p align="center"><b>Adjournment – Evaluations and Silent Auction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Announcement of Silent Auction winners in Ballroom DE. Claim and pay for your Silent Auction items.</li> <li>• Return your name badges before leaving the conference.</li> </ul>			

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**BRIDGES, Inc. will be presenting three awards annually to a brain-injured survivor, a caregiver and a professional.**

**Benevolence Award**

Brain Injury Survivor who has exhibited perseverance in their own recovery. This person must exonerate a positive attitude and have also aided another survivor in their recovery through education, support and/or advocacy.

**Clara Hughes Caregiver Award**

A caregiver who has shown devotion and dedication not only to their beloved brain injury survivor but also to other survivors and caregivers by performing unselfish acts of kindness while encouraging the education, support and/or advocacy of the survivor.

**The Horizon Award**

A professional, paraprofessional, clinician, and/or organization that stepped above their standards of practice within their work or community environment and went above and beyond expectations for the education, support, and/or advocacy of brain injury survivors or caregivers.

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**SPECIAL THANKS to MIKE HENTZ** for designing the conference logo. Mike is a senior graphic designer and a parent of a child with TBI.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

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