



# BRAIN INJURY FLORIDA

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Advancing Brain Injury Care in the Sunshine State  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Educational Conference

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Join us for our **Second Annual Education Conference**

**May 9th, 2024** @ Hillsborough Community College 8 - 4:30pm



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Learn / Connect / Network / Breakfast & Lunch for Attendees / Earn CE/CEU

Register here:

<https://www.braininjuryfl.org/event/brain-injury-florida-annual-conference/>

Earn up to 6 CE/CEUs  
Thursday May 9th, 2024

Hillsborough Community College  
The John R. Trinkle Center  
1206 N Park Rd, Plant City, FL 33563

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

# Advancing Brain Injury Care in the Sunshine State

Thursday May 9th, 2024 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Hillsborough Community College, Plant City, Florida

**Brain Injury Florida (BIF)** is an advocacy/service non-profit organization operating statewide in Florida that represents and serves the over 899,924 Floridians living with Brain Injury from all causes – traumatic and non-traumatic. **BIF** is a chartered state affiliate of the **Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA)**.

**BIF's** purpose is to improve the quality of life for residents of the state of Florida who have sustained an acquired brain injury (from either traumatic or non-traumatic causes) by promoting effective awareness, education, outreach, treatment, prevention, advocacy, and support.

Please plan to join us for **BIF's** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brain Injury Education Conference – all are welcome, including people with brain injury, family members, support groups, brain injury professionals, advocates, state agency staff, legislators, and vendors.

## FEATURING:



**Nelson Gonzalez**  
Executive Director  
Florida Rehab Without Walls



**Dr. Jennifer Doble**  
Medical Director  
Paradigm Outcomes



**Dr. Breton Asken**  
Assistant Professor  
Neuropsychologist  
University of Florida



**Dr. Diana Julbe-Delgado**  
NeuroResource Facilitator Coordinator  
Brain Injury Florida



**Dr. Drew Nagele**  
Vice President  
Brain Injury Florida



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## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

### Complete Registration Form

- **Online** at <https://www.braininjuryfl.org/event/brain-injury-florida-annual-conference/>  
Registrations must be submitted with a credit card payment. Please provide your email address on the registration form to receive an electronic confirmation.

OR

- **Complete and E-Mail** the Conference Registration/Payment form found on the last 2 pages to: **Brain Injury Florida** c/o Denny Armington – [DArmington@BrainInjuryFL.org](mailto:DArmington@BrainInjuryFL.org)
- **Scholarships** – for survivors or family members who are not able to pay the full cost of Conference registration/travel fees to attend the Conference, partial scholarships may be available by completing the Scholarship Application, which can be found at <https://www.braininjuryfl.org/event/brain-injury-florida-annual-conference/>

## JOHN R. TRINKLE CENTER AT HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This year's **BIF** Educational Conference will be held in-person at Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus, in the John R. Trinkle Center, located 1/2 mile from I-4 between Tampa and Orlando. The John R. Trinkle Center is located at 1206 North Park Road, Plant City, FL 33563. The conference will take place in the Trinkle Center, Room 116. Parking is available on the HCC campus, with overflow parking across Cherry Street, directly in front of HCC.

For those who require overnight accommodations, reservations should be made directly with nearby hotels. Within easy driving distance you can find reasonable accommodations at:

- Comfort Inn & Suites Plant City (813-707-6000)
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Lakeland-Plant City (813-757-6202)
- Hampton Inn by Hilton Plant City (813-756-5600)
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Plant City (813-719-3800) – BIF Conference Rate \$89

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Network with the Florida brain injury community
- Learn the latest advances in brain injury rehabilitation
- Learn about cutting edge research
- Learn about brain injury rehabilitation services and supports in your community
- Connect to brain injury support groups in your area
- Conference attendance includes:
  - Annual Membership in **Brain Injury Florida**
  - Participation in Annual **BIF** Annual Meeting
  - Light breakfast
  - Lunch buffet

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY May 9, 2024

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### 8:00 AM – REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS

Arrive early and check out Exhibitors from around the state of Florida, providing brain injury rehabilitation and related services – coffee and pastries will be served

8:45 AM – WELCOME by **Denny Armington**, Founding Board President, *Brain Injury Florida*

### 9:00 AM – OPENING KEYNOTE

#### Hope After Impact: Preventing Stress-Induced Collapse in Brain Injury

Speaker: **Nelson Gonzalez, OTR/L, CHHC, CCT, CPMT, CORE, CLT**  
Executive Director, Florida Rehab Without Walls

This engaging presentation offers a beacon of hope in the face of a devastating challenge. A brain impacted by trauma is fragile, yet resilient and capable of healing. This presentation will address the immense challenge faced by those living with brain injuries and their loved ones. The invisible wounds of brain trauma can be immense, and the stress of coping with cognitive and physical limitations can be overwhelming. By highlighting the threat of stress-induced collapse, this presentation underscores the importance of early intervention and ongoing support.

### 10:00 AM – PLENARY

#### Unraveling Long-Term Neurodegenerative Pathways Linking Head Trauma to Dementia

Speaker: **Breton Asken, PhD, ATC**  
Assistant Professor & Neuropsychologist, University of Florida

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) and repetitive head impacts (RHI) from activities like sports and military service increase the risk for later-life brain changes, including those that lead to dementia. In recent years, we have started to better understand not only the spectrum of diseases potentially related to prior head trauma, but also the type and extent of head trauma that carries the greatest risk. This presentation will summarize the state-of-the-science on TBI, RHI, and dementia in aging adults. Implications for prevention and differential diagnosis will also be discussed.

### 11:00 AM – PLENARY

#### The Conundrum of Brain Injury and Substance Abuse

Speaker: **Jennifer Doble, MD, PM&R Board Certified in Brain Injury**  
Medical Director, Paradigm Outcomes

The session will provide case examples of brain injury deficits that interfere with sobriety from substance abuse and addiction issues that interfere with recovery from brain injury. Practical approaches, standard of care, and creative solutions will be discussed.



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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**12:00 PM – LUNCH with message from Premier Exhibitors**

**12:30 PM – *Brain Injury Florida* ANNUAL MEETING – *All are welcome!***

**1:00 PM – Workshop**

## **Listening Session**

Moderators: **Jessica Kirwan, MA**, Asst. Director Research Admin, Department of Neurology, University of Florida  
**Drew Nagele, PsyD, ABPP, CBIST-AP, FACRM, CESP**, Vice President, BIF Board of Directors

The University of Florida in collaboration with Brain Injury Florida, are conducting a Listening Session in order to inform the Florida Brain Injury Needs Assessment, which is being conducted under Florida's ACL State Partnership Grant. Survivors and family members are encouraged to attend and share about unmet needs, which will be added to the Needs Assessment and used to create the Florida State Plan for Brain Injury.

**1:00 PM – Workshop**

## **Community Re-integration - An Interdisciplinary Perspective**

Speakers: **Zachary Bayer, PsyD**, Bayer NeuroBehavioral Center  
**Lindsie Coleman, MS OTR/L, CBIS**, NeuroRestorative Florida  
**Chris Cockrell, DPT**, NeuroRestorative Florida  
**Kristin Carlstrom, MS CCC-SLP**, NeuroRestorative Florida

This presentation will provide the professional contributions from four integral therapeutic components involved in the rehabilitation process with individuals who have sustained an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). The presenters are from the fields of Neuropsychology, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, & Physical Therapy. Each presenter will define their role and highlight key aspects within their competences regarding evidenced based practices on how best to support these individuals returning to their home communities. A hypothetical patient example will be created and used for the functional purposes of demonstrating each therapist's role.

**2:15 PM – Workshop**

## **Brain Injury Clubhouse – The Importance of Community Support in the Brain Injury Population**

Speakers: **Trevor Persaud, DO**, PM&R Physician, Brain Injury Rehab Specialist, Brooks Rehabilitation  
**with input from Clubhouse Members**, Brooks Rehabilitation Brain Injury Clubhouse

This session will cover all aspects of the Brooks Rehabilitation Brain Injury Clubhouse. Audience will learn the importance of a full-time day program that provides for the long-term recovery needs of individuals who have experienced an acquired neurological/brain injury. We will also discuss how a Brain Injury Clubhouse can serve as a bridge to community and vocational reintegration. We will also discuss the guidelines established by the International Brain Injury Clubhouse Alliance.

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## 2:15 PM – Workshop

### Family Response to Trauma and TBI

Speakers: **Colm Roe, RN/CRRN/PTA**

Clinical Nurse Liaison, Brooks Rehabilitation

Polytrauma, including brain injury, can be life altering for the patient and also for the family and caregivers concerned. This session will provide survivors and families with strategies to recognize the emotional and social challenges related to severe injuries and provide strategies to reduce the impact of these challenges during recovery.

## 3:15 PM - PLENARY

### 3:30 PM Closing Plenary

### Brain Injury Information Line (BIIL) and Sunshine NeuroResource Facilitation Program

Speakers: **Diana Julbe-Delgado, PhD, CCC-SLP**, NeuroResource Facilitation Coordinator, Brain Injury Florida

**Drew Nagele, PsyD, ABPP, CBIST-AP, FACRM, CESP**, Vice President, BIF Board of Directors

**Panel of BIIL Volunteers – Michelle Valenty, Timothy Sorady, Venessa Cuevas**

This session will introduce *Brain Injury Florida's* new Brain Injury Information Line (BIIL), and the volunteers who staff it! These trained volunteers listen to calls that come in through the National Brain Injury Information Center (NBIIIC) from callers with a Florida area code. They return the calls within 2 business days, and help the callers with their concerns, using the BIF Resource Database. If a caller needs more intensive support, the caller receives a call back from the Sunshine NeuroResource Facilitator assigned to their area. The session will describe NeuroResource Facilitation, the evidence that supports its effectiveness, and the plan for the Sunshine NeuroResource Facilitation Program.

## 4:30 PM Conference Summary & Exhibitor Prizes

## Special Thanks to our 2024 BIF Conference Committee

**Teah Gulley Co-Chair**

**Drew Nagele Co-Chair**

**Denny Armington**

**Jim Gyurke**

**Brandi Maddox**

**Nelson Gonzalez**

**Wendy Carranco**

**Zachary Bayer**



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# BIF CONFERENCE CE/CEU INFORMATION

Continuing education credits or contact hours have been applied for and are pending approval for the disciplines listed below. To receive CE/CEU credits in a specific discipline or a general attendance certificate, you must register, attend, and complete an evaluation after each session. BIF is not responsible for individual CE credits if this process is not followed, and refunds will not be given.

**CEU FEES | \$50**

**PSYCHOLOGISTS CE FEE | \$75**

**Certified Brain Injury Specialists**

**Certified Case Manager**

**Rehab Nursing**

**Occupational Therapists\***

**Certified Rehabilitation Counselors**

**Physician CME Category 2**

**Physical Therapists\***

**Psychologists (APA)\*\***

**Social Workers\***

**Speech Therapists\***



BIF is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. BIF maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

\* Florida CEUs only; all other CEUs are national.

\*\* This conference includes 6 APA CEs. APA Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. APA Division 22 maintains responsibility for this program and its content. For more information about Division 22 or to inquire about membership, please visit [www.div22.org](http://www.div22.org).

# BIF Conference Registration/Payment

Please Register on-line at

<https://www.braininjuryfl.org/event/brain-injury-florida-annual-conference/>

If you cannot register on-line, you may copy this page and complete one page for each person attending:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical/dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

| Registration Type  | Cost    | Total |
|--|---------|-------|
| Survivor/Family Member                                   | \$75.00 | \$    |
| Professional   | \$150   | \$    |
| CEU Fee  | \$50    | \$    |
| Psychology CEU Fee                                       | \$75    | \$    |
| Additional contribution to support Survivor Scholarships |         | \$    |
| Total  |         | \$    |



**Payment Options (only if not doing on-line registration)**

**1. Credit card:**

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan form: to [DArmington@BrainInjuryFL.org](mailto:DArmington@BrainInjuryFL.org)

**2. Pay by check, send Registration Form and Check in Regular US Mail:**

Checks should be made out to **Brain Injury Florida, Inc.** and sent to:

Brain Injury Florida, Inc.  
19321 US Hwy 19 North, Suite 307  
Clearwater, FL 33764

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