



ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Clinical Continuing Education Series

Acquired Brain Injury and the Family: A Biopsychosocial Perspective

- Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 29, 1:00 - 4:15 p.m.
Check-in begins at 12:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$100 BIA-MA Members, \$125 Non-members
- Venue:** UMASS Medical School Campus
Shrewsbury Campus-Amphitheater, 4th Floor
333 South St.
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) since its inception has been committed to advocating for services/supports for persons with acquired brain injuries and their family members, who established the organization and promoted the development of publicly-funded programs. This training, which has been designed for clinicians and providers of rehabilitative and community-based services for persons with ABI, will provide an understanding of the impact of ABI on the family via facilitated discussions with family members related to persons with ABI.

Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

- Identify the responses and needs of families during the acute period following the occurrence of an ABI.
- Describe the impact of ABI on the family from personal, financial, emotional, and intrafamilial perspectives.
- Describe coping strategies utilized by family members faced with extraordinary circumstances associated with ABI.
- Recognize and respond to family members, with respect to communication, information, and other identified needs, informed by an understanding of what family members perceive to be supportive and helpful.



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Presentation Panel

Moderator:

Neal McGrath, Ph.D., Clinical Neuropsychologist

Sports Concussion New England/Neuropsychology New England

Cantu Concussion Center/Emerson Hospital

Consulting Neuropsychologist, NeuroRestorative and Statewide Head Injury Program

Panelists:

Mojie Crigler is a writer and editor. Her memoir, *Get Me Through Tomorrow* (University of Nebraska Press, 2015), recounts her brother Jason's recovery from a devastating brain hemorrhage. She is also co-author of *Under the Big Tree: Extraordinary Stories from the Movement to End Neglected Tropical Diseases* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019) by Ellen Agler with a foreword by Bill Gates.

Janice Fender is the mother of a young woman who was a recruited collegiate soccer player and then suffered a severe traumatic brain injury six years ago at age 21. Her daughter has progressed from four weeks in coma to working as a teacher and attending graduate school. Janice now works as a program director for Reach, Inc., supporting people with disabilities in more independent living. She and her daughter run support groups for families affected by brain injury

Carolyn Roy-Bornstein, MD. is a pediatrician whose teenage son suffered a traumatic brain injury at the hands of a drunk driver. Her 2012 memoir *Crash: A Mother, a Son, and the Journey from Grief to Gratitude* is about that experience. Her work has also appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times* and many other places.

Reva Tankle, Ph.D. has experienced the impact of brain-injury as both a professional and a family member. She is a clinical neuropsychologist who has worked with adults with brain injury in inpatient and community-based settings for many years. She is currently a consultant for the Statewide Head Injury Program and for the Advocates, Inc. Brain Injury Waiver program. Dr. Tankle also works as a pediatric and adolescent neuropsychologist in a private practice in Newton, MA. On a personal level, Dr. Tankle's sister was diagnosed with an acquire brain injury in 2010 and required care in a nursing home. Thanks to the ABI waiver program she was able to move into the community and live in a more home-like setting.

Who should attend?

- Case Managers
- Mental Health Clinicians
- Occupational Therapists
- Rehabilitation Counselors
- Program Directors/Managers of residential, day and other programs that serve persons with ABI.
- Certified Brain Injury Specialists
- Neuropsychologists
- Physical Therapists
- Social Workers
- Family Counselors
- Nurses
- Psychologists

Continuing Education Credits:

- Questions about Continuing Education Credits - Please reach out to Education Manager Beth Pusey at bpusey@biama.org.