Westward Bound:
New Frontiers in Brain Injury

Pre-Conference Workshop:
Brain Injury and the Criminal Justice System: Improving Outcomes for Youth and Adults

For more information visit:
http://www.nashia.org/SOS2015.asp
**ABOUT THE NASHIA CONFERENCE**

Join the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) in celebrating 26 years of the annual State of the States in Head Injury Meeting, first held in 1990, to foster communication and professional development among State government brain injury program administrators, government employees, chartered state affiliates, and other professionals responsible for administering brain injury prevention, rehabilitation, community integration programs and services. The SOS program offers plenary and workshop sessions on a variety of topics covering emerging federal and state issues and promising practices on service delivery, as well as opportunities for information sharing among participants.

The conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, October 26-29, 2015 at the Curtis Hotel, (Doubletree by Hilton), 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado. The conference will feature a variety of topics presented by national, federal, state and other professionals who are experts and leaders in brain injury service delivery. The theme of this year’s conference is Westward Bound: New Frontiers in Brain Injury. NASHIA has a comprehensive lineup of topics this year representing the continuum of brain injury from concussion to severe injury. A pre-conference session will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015. The theme for this pre-conference session is *Brain Injury and the Criminal Justice System: Improving Outcomes for Youth and Adults*. The conference will also highlight innovative TBI programs administered at both the state and local level.

This meeting has much to offer whether you are new to the field, or working with related disabilities/co-occurring conditions. During the day you will gain new perspectives on improving systems to serve individuals with brain injury, and in the evening you may explore the wealth of attractions Denver has to offer. Known as the Mile High City (sitting one mile above sea level), Denver offers 300 days of sunshine. While Denver is not in the mountains, there are over 200 named peaks visible from the city. Denver is home to the state Capital and to four major sports teams, museums and a wide variety of neighborhoods that make the city a destination in its own right. It has one of the most walkable downtowns in the nation. Within one mile radius are the nation’s second largest performing arts center, three stadiums, an amusement park, an aquarium, 300 restaurants, and a mint producing 10 billion coins a year! Denver’s mile long 16th Street Mall is in the heart of the city and Larimer Square is an area rich in history, fine dining and shopping.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

While the primary focus of the SOS meeting is on state government services and programs, the meeting is open to all who are involved in the field of brain injury including advocates, individuals with brain injury, families, professionals, and anyone else concerned with planning, prevention, and service delivery for individuals with brain injury. Please join us this October in Denver for a superior educational program and a great opportunity to network with your friends and colleagues in the field of brain injury! For more information about this event, sponsorship opportunities or NASHIA membership, visit us at [www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org).
PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA—
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

7:30-8:30a—Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30-8:45a—Welcome and Conference Overview—Lorraine Wargo, RN, Executive Director of NASHIA
8:45-9:45a—Speaking the Same language: Criminal Justice Cultural Competence Russha Knauer, MA, CO Judicial Branch
9:45-10:00a—Break
10:00-11:15a—Lessons Learned: Criminal Justice and Brain Injury (Adult and Youth) Adam Piccolino, PsyD, LP, MN Department of Corrections & Kim Gorgens, PhD, University of Denver
11:15-12:45p—Intercept Model and Problem Solving/ Specialty Courts and the Intersect with Brain Injury Charlie Smith, PhD, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) & Brenidy Rice, MPA, CO Judicial Branch
12:45-1:45p—Lunch (Provided)
1:45-3:30p—Cultural Shift Adult and Youth Corrections Relevance to Brain Injury Drew Nagele, PsyD, Beechwood NeuroRehab/Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA), Monica Vaccaro MS, BIAPA, Ashley Tunstall, MPA, MA, LPC CO Division of Youth Corrections
3:30-4:30p—All Rise: Creating Successful Partnerships with Judges Honorable Judge Bowen
3:45-5:00p—Guided discussion: State Programs

CONFERENCE AGENDA—
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

7:30-8:15a—Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15-8:30a—Welcome and Conference Overview—Lorraine Wargo, RN, Executive Director-NASHIA & Judy Dettmer, Board President-NASHIA
8:30-9:30a—Results from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research TBI Model Systems Program and the National Center for Injury Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Interagency Agreement John D. Corrigan, PhD, The Ohio State University & Cindy Harrison-Felix, PhD, Craig Hospital
9:30-10:30a—Tele-Health and On-line Interventions for Youth & Adults with Brain Injury Nicole Eberle, PhD, Colorado Children’s Hospital/University of CO & Theo Tsaoussides, PhD, Mt. Sinai Hospital
10:45-11:45a—Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1
Language Impairments in Youth with TBI and Behavioral Implications Julie Haarbauer-Kruppa, PhD, CCC-SLP, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Workshop 2
Level of Care Assessment for Community Based Case Management & Balancing Incentive Program Christen Mason, Rocky Mountain Human Services, Stefani O’Dea MA & Susan Vaughn, M.Ed, NASHIA

Workshop 3
Web-based Toolkit for Supporting Individuals with Co-occurring TBI and Mental Health Needs (Veterans/Civilians) Bridgett Matarazzo, PhD, VA VISN 19 Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC)

11:45-1:15p—Lunch (Provided) & Membership Meeting
1:15-2:15p—Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1
Brain Injury and Suicide: Implications for Youth and Adults Jennifer Olson-Madden, PhD, VA VISN 19 MIRECC

Workshop 2
Methods for Transition from Hospital and/or Acute Care to Services and Supports David King MBA, Brain Injury Alliance of MN & Melissa McCart DEd, The Center on Brain Injury Research & Training (CBIRT)

Workshop 3
Cultural Competency and Ethics Anastasia Edmonston, MS, CRC, Behavioral Health Administration

2:30-3:30p—Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1
Mild TBI and Concussion: The Journey from Mild TBI and Sports Concussion to Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Jeffrey Barth, PhD, University of VA

Workshop 2
Screening and Assessment of TBI for Children/Youth and Adults: Tools, Successes, Barriers and Sustainability Pat Sample, PhD, CO State University, Keri Bennett, MS, Nebraska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation & John D. Corrigan, Ph.D, The Ohio State University

Workshop 3
Family and Individual Empowerment Nadine Lund & LaShay Canady, Family Leadership Development Institute, CO Department of Public Health and Environment & Anne Moessner, MSN, Midwest Advocacy Project & Geoffrey Lauer, MS, Executive Director, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa

3:45-4:45p—Administration on Community Living Federal Initiatives Sharron Lewis, Administration on Community Living

4:45-6:00p—NASHIA Orientation & Networking Hour
**Conference Agenda**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

7:30-8:30a — Registration, Continental Breakfast & Round Table Technical Assistance

**OSU TBI-ID** John D. Corrigan, PhD, The Ohio State University

**Consultation by Clubhouse International Leadership Regarding Expanding Mental Health Clubhouse Model to Brain Injury Populations** Joel Corcoran, Clubhouse International (formerly ICCD) Executive Director and Jack Yatsko, Chief Operating Officer.

8:30-9:30a — **Sports/Concussion Data, Gender and Concussion Treatment Paths** Dawn Comstock, PhD, University of CO Denver, School of Public Health

9:30-10:30a — **Return to Learn following Concussion** Karen McAvoy, Psy.D, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children & Brenda Eagan Brown, M.Ed, BrainSTEPS, Brain Injury Association of PA

10:45-12:00p — Concurrent Workshops

**Workshop 1**
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)/Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Setting Rules Melissa Harris, CMS & Colin Laughlin, MPA, CO Department of Health Care Policy and Finance

**Workshop 2**
Homelessness and Brain Injury Identification and Interventions Scott Harpin, PhD, University of CO College of Nursing and Joseph Grubenhoff, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of CO School of Medicine

**Workshop 3**
ABI Clubhouses- A Vital Community of Support Jason Young, MSW, Community Brain Injury Services, Cindi Johnson, MA/CBIST, Side by Side Brain Injury Club House, Colleen E. McKay, MA/CAGS University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Director of the Program for Clubhouse Research

12:00-2:00p — Lunch and Topic Discussions

**Topic 1**
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) TBI Coordinating Center Ruth Seeley, Grant Thornton

**Topic 2**
State Program Funding and Evaluation Susan Vaughn, M.Ed., NASHIA, Keri Bennett, MS, NE Division of Vocation Rehabilitation and Judy Dettmer, CO Dept. of Human Services

**Topic 3**
Services Coordination, Information, Referral and Resource Facilitation David King, MBA, Brain Injury Alliance of MN and Gavin Attwood, Brain Injury Alliance of CO

2:00-3:30p — Concurrent Workshops

**Workshop 1**
Can’t vs. Won’t: Executive Function Karen McAvoy, PsyD, CO Department of Education

**Workshop 2**
Social Skills Development, a Novel Approach (Group Interactive Structured Treatment) Lenny Hawley & Jody Newman, Craig Hospital

**Workshop 3**
Right to Self Determination: Guardianship and Conservatorship Megan Brand, Executive Director, CO Fund for People with Disabilities and Carl Glatstein, Glatstein & O’Brien LLP

3:45-4:30p — **CDC Strategic Plan and Surveillance** Matt Breiding, PhD, Center for Disease Control and Prevention

**Conference Agenda**

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

8:00-8:30a — Registration & Breakfast

8:30-9:30a — **This Week in Washington** Bill Ditto, MSW, LSW, NASHIA, Susan Vaughn, M.Ed, NASHIA, Becky Wolkriel, Ridge Policy Group & Amy Colberg, MA, Brain Injury Association of America

9:30-10:15a — TBD

10:30-11:15a — **Trauma Informed Care and the Intersection with Brain Injury** Rohini Gupta, PhD, University of Denver

11:15-11:45a — TBD

11:45-12:00p — **Closing Remarks** Lorraine Wargo, RN, Executive Director of NASHIA

1:30-3:30p — **Craig Hospital Tour** (Optional)

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**Craig Hospital in Englewood is offering an on-site visit after the Conference. Transportation will be provided by Craig Hospital. Craig has been a leading center of excellence in brain injury for decades, a NIDRR TBI Model System Center consecutively since 1998, and the NIDRR TBI National Statistical Database 2006-2015.**

**You will find the visit informative and inspirational!**
Hotel Accommodations

All conference events will be held at the Curtis Hotel (a Doubletree by Hilton), 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado. This is a uniquely fun boutique hotel - you don’t just stay at The Curtis, you experience it! From the minute you walk through the lobby doors, you are immersed in the best pop-culture a hotel can offer. You’ll find cartoons playing in the lobby and a Five & Dime filled with treats from the past. Each of the guest room floors has a personality all its own and every detail has been ‘revved up’ to create a boutique, one-of-a-kind downtown Denver Colorado hotel experience. It is located in the heart of the Business/Shopping District and across from Denver Center for Performing Arts. The hotel is just one block from the historic 16th Street Mall and 25 miles from the Denver International Airport (DEN).

A room block is available for the conference. The conference rate is $163, plus taxes/fees, per night. In addition, this rate will be offered, based on availability, to attendees 2 days before and 2 days after the event dates. To receive the hotel conference rate, call the hotel directly at (800) 525-6651 by Friday, October 2, 2015 (the “cut-off date”), and tell them you are making a reservation for the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators’ conference.

Airport & Transportation

The Denver International Airport (DEN) is the major airport in Denver. Most major airlines fly in/out of the airport.

SkyRide: SkyRide buses operate seven days a week, 365 days a year. Buses depart from the airport or SkyRide stop at least once an hour and some as frequently as every 15 minutes. If you need to check route and schedule information, view maps, or plan your SkyRide trip while at DIA, visit the SkyRide sales counter located in the ground transportation area on the west side of the terminal on level 5, inside door 506 or go to: http://www.rtd-denver.com/skyride.shtml

Shuttle/Shared Vans/Town Car Service: The hotel does not provide shuttle service to and from the airport. There are several companies who offer transportation services from DIA to downtown Denver. Estimated costs are as follows: Shuttle $22; Town Car $65 (costs are subject to change without notice). For more information, please visit http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/transit/taxis

Taxi Service: Taxis are available for approximately $55 from/to the airport and hotel. Most taxis accept credit cards. For more information, please visit http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/transit/taxis

Rental Car Companies: Denver International Airport has more than 10 major rental car companies serving Colorado travelers. Car rental agencies are located on airport property and provide courtesy shuttle service to and from Jeppesen Terminal. Shuttles pick-up and drop-off from Jeppesen Terminal Level 5, Island 4, outside doors 505-513 (east side) and 504-512 (west side).

Logistics

Conference Registration

Rates have been established for NASHIA members, non-members and students for both the pre-conference and the full conference. A special rate has also been designated for those wishing to attend only one day of the conference (does not to apply to the pre-conference workshop). Individuals who wish to attend both the pre-conference and the full conference proceedings will need to register and pay both the pre-conference and full conference registration fee.

Registration, Payment, and Refund Policy

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Register at www.nashia.org. All registrations should be made by October 2, 2015, or a late fee of $50 will be assessed. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after October 19, 2015.
For more information and to register for the 2015 NASHIA SOS conference, please visit: www.nashia.org/SOS2015.asp