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Speaker	Biography
<p data-bbox="159 457 363 485">Croft, Bevin, PhD</p> 	<p data-bbox="440 457 1516 699">Dr. Bevin Croft has over 15 years of experience in the behavioral health field, with expertise in person-centered practice, peer-delivered services, quality improvement, and workforce development. Dr. Croft has been conducting research on self-direction since 2009, with a special focus on how to adapt the model to meet the needs of persons with behavioral health conditions. She is highly skilled at providing technical assistance, convening learning collaboratives, developing e-learning resources, writing reports in various formats, and managing complex projects.</p>
<p data-bbox="196 766 326 793">Lang, Kelly</p> 	<p data-bbox="440 766 1516 1220">Kelly Lang and two of her daughters were involved in a motor vehicle crash in 2001; one of her daughters, Olivia, sustained a severe TBI and Kelly sustained a mild TBI. She received her undergraduate degree from The American University and worked in the insurance and human resources management industries prior to starting a family. Kelly’s advocacy career began once Olivia arrived in the acute care setting and has continued for the past seventeen years. Kelly has served on the Board of the Brain Injury Association of Virginia and has been a member of the Brain Injury Association of America’s Brain Injury Council since 2016. Kelly has also published articles detailing her family’s struggle in various publications. Kelly’s daughter, Olivia, was profiled in the Brain Injury Association of America’s poster campaign in 2006, her family was interviewed by ABC for a network special aired in 2007, and Olivia was the first pediatric speaker at the Brain Injury Congressional Task Force Panel in March 2017. Kelly has spoken to a number of groups regarding her family’s experience with brain injury.</p>
<p data-bbox="118 1228 407 1289">McDonnell, Anne, MPA, OTR/L, CBIST</p> 	<p data-bbox="440 1228 1516 1650">Ms. Anne McDonnell is the Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Virginia. She has a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia, a post-graduate Certificate in Health Care Management and Administration from Old Dominion University, and an MPA from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She holds a clinical faculty position in the School of Occupational Therapy at VCU, serves on the Virginia Brain Injury Council and is Chair of the VCU Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Grant Advisory Board. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of America. In 2011, she was named by Virginia Lawyers Media’s as one of the “Influential Women of Virginia”, and was honored with the State Association Leadership Award by the Brain Injury Association of America. In 2014, she was chosen to serve with 50 of the nation’s top brain injury researchers and clinicians on the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai’s project to develop Guidelines for the Rehabilitation and Disease Management of Adults with Moderate to Severe TBI.</p>
<p data-bbox="191 1659 334 1686">Carole Starr</p> 	<p data-bbox="440 1659 1516 1900">In 1999, Carole Starr sustained a brain injury in a car accident. She was building a career as an educator and played the violin for a community orchestra, singing soprano in a chorale. Due to her injury, Carole had to give up her teaching career and her classical music hobby. Carole now delivers inspiring keynote speeches at brain injury conferences as the founder and facilitator of the survivor volunteer group Brain Injury Voices. She wrote her book, <i>To Root & To Rise: Accepting Brain Injury</i>, to share what she’s learned about coming to terms with an unexpected new life and to help other brain injury survivors on their journey.</p>