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Brain Injury Educational Webinar Series

Educate Delaware 2021: An Educational Webinar Series for Delaware's Brain Injury Community

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Objectives

The webinar series should achieve the following objectives:

- Make new and innovative strategies easily available to members.
- Introduce new ideas and resources.
- Address the needs and requests of the brain injury community in Delaware.
- Provide a forum where our community can learn from professionals on the current trends and topics within the area of brain injury causes, resources, and treatment options.

About

The series will use the following title and boilerplate:

Educate Delaware 2021: An Educational Webinar Series for Delaware's Brain Injury Community

The Brain Injury Association of Delaware (BIADE) focuses on providing support, education and advocacy to traumatic brain injury survivors, their families, and caregivers throughout the state of Delaware and Salisbury, Maryland.

Join us in June, September, October, and November 2021 for a conversation that includes peers and presenters with key expertise. Each webinar provides tangible take-aways that you can use to understand the causes, treatment options and resources related to brain injuries.

The title was selected to reflect the goals and 'why' of the series. It also provides ample room and flexibility for growth and expansion. A new hashtag will be created to promote this series, **#BIADEducates**. Doing so will highlight BIADE's focus on educating the community which is critical.

Webinar Topics:

Webinar #1

Supporting Children Affected by Brain Injury

Date: June 22, 2021

Time: 2:30pm (EDT)

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380740808?pwd=TmxWWXFGdFhDc3dLWkorUWJTTHh0QT09>

Theraplay, Inc.

Kerri Stitsworth, Community Outreach Liaison

Marcella Legath, Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Middletown Center Manager, Occupational Therapist

Liza Lebovich, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Center Manager, Theraplay Bensalem

- This session will focus on resources available for children from birth to age 21 affected by brain injury.
- Representatives from Theraplay, Inc. will be on hand to answer questions and help participants understand the unique challenges children face as they deal with brain injury.
- Participants will leave with a better understanding of how to help children deal with brain injury.
- This webinar will include shareable links to programs and resources.

Webinar #2

What Brain Injury Patients and Caregivers Need to Know About Accessing Social Security Benefits During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 2:30pm (EDT)

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380740808?pwd=TmxWWXFGdFhDc3dLWkorUWJTTHh0QT09>

Social Security Administration

Matthew Baxter, Public Affairs Specialist

- A representative from the Social Security Administration will explore the impact COVID 19 on Brain Injury patients.
- This webinar will cover the application and appeal process. It will also touch on ways to re-enter the workforce and tips related to fraud protection.
- Participants will get a link to the BIADE resource library and access to Social Security Administration resources to help patients and their caregivers navigate the system.

Webinar #3

American Red Cross Reconnection Workshops Overview - Support for Military Related Caregivers of Brain Injury Survivor

Date: October 12, 2021

Time: 2:30pm (EDT)

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380740808?pwd=TmxWWXFGdFhDc3dLWkorUWJTTHh0QT09>

American Red Cross

Judy Reabe, Service to Armed Forces Regional Manager

- This interactive webinar will highlight resources and programs available for Military related family members caring for Brain Injury patients and survivors.
- The facilitator will be joined by a licensed mental health provider to share an overview of all current American Red Cross workshops available to Military related caregivers and Brain Injury survivors.
- The participants will gain a better understanding of resources available to assist them as they care for their loved ones.
- The licensed mental health provider will lead participants through activities.
- This webinar will include shareable links to programs and resources related to isolation, identity issues and personal wellness.

Webinar #4

Alternative Therapies – Thinking Outside the Box to Help Brain Injury Patients

Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 2:30pm (EDT)

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380740808?pwd=TmxWWXFGdFhDc3dLWkorUWJTTHh0QT09>

PAWS for People

Lynn Robinson, Executive Director

- Many alternative therapies platforms will be discussed.
- Will reach out to BIAA as a resource.
- Participants will gain a better understanding of options outside the established standard therapies currently being offered.