

*Rebuilding*  
**Lives in Nebraska**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brain Injury Conference

**April 24-25, 2008**

**Midtown Holiday Inn  
2503 South Locust  
Grand Island, Nebraska**

Register early. More than 200 people attended last year!

**Registration Deadline April 10, 2008**

For more information call 888.806.6287  
[www.braininjury.ne.gov](http://www.braininjury.ne.gov)

## ★ REGISTRATION

### Registration fee — same for one or two day attendance

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| • General/Professional                                     | \$75 |
| • Individual who experiences brain injury or family member | \$40 |
| • Additional family members and caregivers                 | \$20 |

### Registration deadline April 10, 2008

- Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch on Friday. Vegetarian will be available.
- Registrations are considered confirmed upon receipt.
- Payment should accompany registration.
- Space is limited-register early.
- Three ways to register—By mail, phone, or FAX

## ★ HOTEL

Midtown Holiday Inn

2503 South Locust, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

Toll Free 800.548.5542 or 308.384.1330

- Participants are responsible for making their hotel reservations. Lodging is not covered in the registration fee.
- A block of rooms has been reserved until April 10, 2008 at a reduced rate of \$63 per night, double occupancy. Mention you are attending the Brain Injury Conference when making your reservation. The block includes five accessible rooms.
- Directions—from east or west, take I-80, Exit 314. Head north on South Locust to hotel.
- Participants should dress in layers to accommodate fluctuating temperatures in meeting rooms.

## ★ STIPENDS

- Stipends are available as long as funding permits. If you need assistance to attend the conference, call Nancy Noha toll free 888.806.6287 or (402) 471-3647 by April 10, 2008.

## ★ EXHIBITORS

- Agency representatives are being invited to give you an opportunity to learn about their services and ask questions.

## ★ CONTACT HOURS

**Purpose: Provide education to inform professional healthcare providers and other allied professionals to utilize available resources in Nebraska.**

- Professional target audience: Nurses, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Mental Health Practitioners, Speech Language Pathologists, Educators, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- 2.25 contact hours awarded Thursday - NE0205H6108-08
- 5.0 contact hours awarded Friday - NE0205H6108-09
- Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital will issue contact hours to those attending the entire day. Contact hours are not awarded for partial attendance or early departures.
- Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital (MRH) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).
- The awarding of continuing education hours does not imply that MRH, NNA or ANCC Commission on Accreditation approve or endorse any commercial product in connection with this education activity.

**Questions? Call Peggy Reisher (402) 486-8276**

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**This event has been arranged by the Nebraska Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council.**

## ★ SPONSORS

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- Nebraska Advocacy Services
- Nebraska Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council
- Platte Valley National Bank, Scottsbluff
- Quality Living, Inc.

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## Thursday, April 24, 2008

Registration Noon, Conference 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m

### KEYNOTE

#### **The Pipeline: One Soldier's Trip Down the Military's Medical Megaride**

**Michael Paul Mason, CBIS — Tulsa, Oklahoma**

This session will define brain injured warriors.

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize the treatment pathway of brain injured warriors
- Identify obstacles to brain injury treatment
- Examine programs and new initiatives to advocate for individuals with brain injury

#### **Screening For, and Evaluation of Mild Brain Injury in the Nebraska VA Healthcare System**

**Lori Wardlow, LMSW and James Rose, PA-C, Nebraska Veterans Administration Healthcare System  
— Lincoln**

This session will review current screening tools and services provided by the Nebraska VA.

- Participants will be able to:
- Explore the challenges of the mild brain injury diagnosis for injured servicemen and women
- Recognize current screening tools and interventions available to the person with mild brain injury

#### **Nebraska Update:**

##### **• Nebraska Brain Injury State Plan**

**Mark Schultz, MPA, TBI Grant — Lincoln**

The goal of the TBI Advisory Council is to build system capacity with an emphasis on community based services. Hear about the progress being made in Nebraska and plans for the future regarding brain injury awareness and services.

##### **• Brain Injury Group Nebraska (BIG-N)**

**Cindy Fisher, RN — Moorefield**

Nebraskan's recognize the need for grass roots effort. Learn more about the work being done to spur changes in brain injury services and how you can become involved.

#### **American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (AACBIS) Training**

**Judy Harvey, MS, CCC, SLP, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital — Lincoln**

The American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists offers a voluntary national certification program for both entry-level staff and experienced professionals working in brain injury services. AACBIS provides staff and professionals the opportunity to learn important information about brain injury, to demonstrate their learning in a written examination, and to earn a nationally recognized credential. Find out about the opportunities in Nebraska to obtain this certification.

## Friday, April 25, 2008

Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Conference 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m

### KEYNOTE

#### **Helping People Without Making Them Helpless: Supporting Individuals with Brain Injury in the Development of Self-Regulation**

**Tim Feeney, PhD, School and Community Support Inc. — Schenectady, New York**

This session will introduce attendees to the principles of assessments and intervention.

Participants will be able to:

- Describe a framework for person-centered, context sensitive assessment and intervention
- Identify methods of intervention that focus on positive behavioral supports

#### **Rebuilding Lives: Life Is More Than Rehab**

**Kim Hoogeveen, PhD, Janelle Ward, M.S., Jon Pearson, B.S., Quality Living Inc. — Omaha**

This session will define Tri-Dimensional Rehab<sup>®</sup> and its ultimate focus on quality of life.

Participants will be able to:

- Explain structure, role, and importance of Tri-Dimensional Rehab<sup>®</sup>
- Compare examples of the effective use of third dimensional treatment and its effect on client motivation

# Friday, April 25, 2008 continued

## Breakout Session 1 (attend one)

### Coping Strategies for the Caregiver

Laura Gaudet, PhD, Chadron State College — Chadron

This session will focus on the stress caregivers may face.

Participants will be able to:

- Review strategies for effectively coping with brain injury
- Identify how to maximize the capabilities of the person with a brain injury and minimize stressors for the caregiver

### Supporting Young People for Success in School and Beyond

Tim Feeney, PhD, School and Community Support Inc. — Schenectady, New York

This session will focus on the transition from rehab to home and tips for developing curriculum focusing on self-regulation for the student.

Participants will be able to:

- Develop a framework for successful transition from rehabilitation to home
- Review methods assessment and intervention in educational settings
- Understand methods of collaboration between clinical staff, educational staff, students, and their families

### The Special Education Process: Legal Rights and Advocacy

Michael Elsken, J.D. and Marla Fischer-Lempke, J.D., Nebraska Advocacy Services (NAS) — Lincoln

This session will define the mission and services of Nebraska Advocacy Services.

Participants will be able to:

- Identify when Nebraska Advocacy Services would be a resource for a person with a disability
- Identify the steps in creating, implementing, and utilizing the IEP (Individualized Education Program) in the special education process

## Breakout Session 2 (attend one)

### Leadership and Advocacy: How to be a Patient Advocate

Mark Smith, M.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center — Omaha

This session will define the meaning of “advocacy”, “systems change”, and “capacity building”.

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the historical aspects of significant examples of disability advocacy efforts in the United States
- Describe the basic underlying components to planning, implementing and accomplishing advocacy outcomes

### Mild Brain Injury

Eric Hartman, M.D., Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital — Lincoln

The session will address a few of the common difficulties after a mild head injury.

Participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of brain injury severity classification
- Describe prognostic indicators of brain injury recovery
- Define common symptoms after mild brain injury and their management

### Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Outcomes

Keri Bennett, MSED, Vocational Rehabilitation — Kearney

Jack Shephard, M.S., Nebraska State Transition Project — Omaha

This session will address vocational transition outcomes as they relate to students with brain injury, developing an awareness of the resources available for students and schools in Nebraska.

Participants will be able to:

- Review national and state incidence rates for students with brain injury and screening methods
- Explore current Nebraska brain injury projects and studies related to working with students who experience a brain injury



Registration form may be photocopied.  
 A PDF of the form is available at:  
[www.braininjury.ne.gov](http://www.braininjury.ne.gov)

**Registration Deadline April 10, 2008**

**★ REGISTRATION FORM**

- **By Mail** Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Education Department, 5401 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506
- **By Phone** to register with Visa or MasterCard (402) 483-9550 or 800.676.5448, Ext. 6550
- **By Fax** Fax registration form to register using Visa or MasterCard (402) 486-8381

**Registration fee — same for one or two day attendance**

- General/Professional \$75
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Please check attendance date:

- Thursday April 24, 2008
- Friday April 25, 2008
- Both Thursday and Friday

Please print

- General/Professional \$75

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**Please enclose full payment with registration form. Check method of payment.**

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- Charge the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  Visa  MasterCard  
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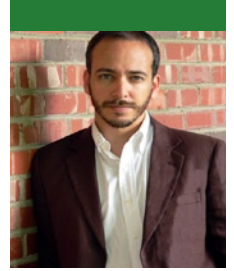
I will need the following accommodations (large print materials, diet, etc.) Request accommodations by April 10, 2008.

- Registrants canceling up to four days before the event will receive a refund less a \$35 administrative fee.
- If you are unable to attend and wish to send someone in your place, you must notify Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital three days in advance of the event.

## ★ KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### April 24 **The Pipeline: One Soldiers' Trip Down the Military's Medical Megaride** **Michael Paul Mason, CBIS – Tulsa, Oklahoma**

A professional writer, Michael Paul Mason has served as an editor for two literary publications, and has appeared on several national media outlets, including the Lehrer Newshour, CBS News, and NPR's Morning Edition. Mason remains active as a lecturer and speaker.



Mason has also built a reputation for noteworthy journalism. When Mason's article in Discover Magazine, "Dead Men Walking" appeared in mid-February of 2007, it ignited a national debate about the treatment of brain injured soldiers. Mason has since traveled to Iraq to report on healthcare and humanitarian issues. Mason's first book of non-fiction, Head Cases: Stories of Brain Injury and Its Aftermath is an exploration into the harsh realities endured by brain injury survivors. It is scheduled for release in early 2008.

### April 25 **Helping People Without Making Them Helpless: Supporting Individuals with Brain Injury in the Development of Self-Regulation** **Tim Feeney, PhD – Schenectady, New York**

Tim Feeney is the Executive Director and President of School and Community Support Services. He has assisted numerous school districts and state offices in the development of system-wide changes in order to provide sustainable, high quality, and cost-effective special education and rehabilitation services. For the past 12 years he has also been the Project Director of the New York Neurobehavioral Resource Project, a New York State Department of Health grant-funded program developed to support individuals with brain injury and significant behavioral challenges to live successfully in their home communities.



Over the course of the past 20 years, Feeney has worked in a variety of capacities in human services including: special education teacher, program director of a state program for individuals with autism, coordinator of educational services, coordinator of behavioral services, staff psychologist, consulting behavior specialist, and an Assistant Professor of Special Education. Feeney has authored over 40 scholarly journal articles and book chapters, is co-author of the book Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention: Positive Everyday Routines. He travels the world over speaking to audiences about collaborative supports for individuals with brain injury, autism and related disorders, and individuals with challenging behaviors.

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