

August 2011

Hello All and Greetings from BIANC!

Camp Carefree

BIANC is getting geared up for our annual Brain Injury Survivor's Retreat at *Camp Carefree* in Stokesdale, NC on September 16, 17, and 18. "Camp" is an incredible weekend that is anticipated all year long for many of our members. Camp registrations are pouring in at our Raleigh office, so be sure to get the word out to anyone interested in joining us this September. There is a limit of 150 campers/volunteers or family members and friends and we take applications on a first come, first serve basis. We are certain to reach capacity quickly, so please assist interested survivors/families and friends with printing, filling out, and sending in applications ASAP!

Applications for campers and volunteers are available for download/print at:
<http://www.bianc.net/docs/Camp%20Carefree/Camp%20Registration.pdf>

If you want to volunteer, please call 919-833-9634 to discuss your skills and the volunteer opportunities available. We are requesting that all volunteers make a \$20 donation to cover the cost of meals and other camp supplies.

BIANC Symposium Slated for October

BIANC's Annual Symposium is scheduled for October 27th and 28th in Cary, NC. There will be a half day workshop on sports concussion on Thursday Oct. 27th and a full day of activities on Oct 28th. The cost for two days is \$195, and after October 20th it goes up to \$210. The cost for Thursday only is \$60, and after October 20th it is \$75. The cost to attend Friday only is \$150, going up to \$165 after October 20th. Be sure to follow us at www.bianc.net for further details and registration information.

Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act Implemented

The Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act was drafted and implemented to protect the safety of student-athletes in North Carolina, and was signed into law on June 16, 2011 by Governor Beverly Purdue. The Act website has been officially deployed, and visitors can access the web site by visiting <http://tbicenter.unc.edu>. There is a link to the Gfeller-Waller Law in red at the top of the page.

Regional Recreational Event

The Triad Brain Injury Resource Center is planning a picnic and fun day at Tanglewood Park on August 6th from 11am to 2:30pm. Bring a dish to share, and the whole family is welcome to join! Contact Kitty Barringer at kitty.barringer@bianc.net or 336-713-8582 for more details.

CBIS Class Dates Set

BIANC is offering a series of *Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS)* classes. The CBIS course is an excellent source of information for professionals, caregivers, and survivors.

Raleigh: **September 26th and 27th**
BIANC Office
Deadline to Register: August 15th

Wilmington: **November 11th and 12th**
New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Deadline to Register: October 1st

Contact Shawn Chase at shawn.chase@bianc.net or 919-833-9634 for registration and more details. Please send your resume or CV to shawn.chase@bianc.net and we can determine if you qualify to take the exam.

Governor's Brain Injury Advisory Council Update

The Governor's Brain Injury Advisory Council will meet on Sept. 14, 2011 in Raleigh. The role of the Council is to:

- Promote interagency coordination among State agencies responsible for services and support of individuals that have sustained traumatic brain injury.
- Study the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families.
- Make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the planning, development, funding, and implementation of a comprehensive statewide service delivery system.
- Promote and implement injury prevention strategies across the State.

During the meeting in September, the Council will hear presentations about implementation of the Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act and the Behavioral Health Services for Military Act. These two laws were passed during the last legislative session and both will have a significant impact on brain injury prevention and care in NC.

You can learn more about the new laws on the BIANC web site at www.bianc.net under the government section.

Upcoming BIAA Webinars

Register now for upcoming webinars of the Brain Injury Association of America. Information on each topic and how to register are included below. **Please note that payment must be received by 5 p.m. ET two business days prior to the webinar.** If you miss the deadline you may purchase the recorded webinar in our [bookstore](#).

Caregivers' Education Seminar: Technology as a Cognitive Prosthetic

Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 3 p.m. ET: Michelle Ranae Wild, MA, will discuss how smart devices (e.g., iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, and Android) can be used by people with brain injury as cognitive prosthetics for memory, organization, and time management issues. The webinar will offer a significant amount of actual examples and demonstrations of applications and tools that can be used with smart devices.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Distinguish among various smart devices,
2. Apply cognitive strategies to the use of smart devices, and
3. Give examples of using a smart device as a cognitive prosthetic.

Registration Price: \$25.00

Continuing Education awarded: 1 hour

Registration closes at 5 p.m. ET on July 29. Click [here](#) to register. Information on how to join the webinar will be sent to registrants on August 1.

Caregivers' Education Seminar: Double Whammy: Managing Brain Injury and Severe Mental Illness after Rehabilitation

Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 3 p.m. ET: Rolf Gainer PhD, CEO, Brookhaven Hospital and Neurologic Rehabilitation Institute of Ontario, will address the dynamics which can affect a person with a brain injury and mental health issues. He will also identify the changes in resources required to provide individuals with meaningful and effective supports in the community.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will:

1. Understand the issues faced by people with brain injury and co-occurring mental illness.
2. Understand the specialized resources needed to sustain a person in the community, and
3. Consider how a combination of strategies from both neuro-rehabilitation and community based mental health treatment is required to create a supportive community for these individuals.

Registration Price: \$25.00

Continuing Education awarded: 1 hour

Registration closes at 5 p.m. ET on September 19. Click [here](#) to register. Information on how to join the webinar will be sent to registrants on September 20.

David Strauss Memorial Lecture: Hypoxic-Ischemic Brain Injury

Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 3 p.m. ET: David Arciniegas, MD, will discuss hypoxic-ischemic brain injuries.

ACBIS Certificant Price: \$50.00

Non-Certificant Price: \$55.00

Continuing Education awarded: 1 hour

Registration closes at 5 p.m. ET on September 23. Click [here](#) to register. Information on how to join the webinar will be sent to registrants on September 26.

Please note: If you miss registration for live webinars, you may purchase the recordings on a CD. They can be found in the BIAA [bookstore](#).

Save the date for future webinars:

October 4, 2011: Suicide and TBI, Lisa Brenner PhD ABPP and Grahame Simpson PhD
October 25, 2011: Adolescent TBI, Lindsey Piland MA CCC-SLP

<u>Brain Injury Resource Center Asheville</u>	<u>Brain Injury Resource Center Charlotte</u>	<u>Brain Injury Resource Center Greenville</u>	<u>Brain Injury Resource Center Raleigh</u>	<u>Volunteer Brain Injury Resource Center Triad</u>
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