

October 2011

Hello and Greetings from BIANC!

Fall is upon us, and we are very excited about a busy and productive end of the calendar year!

### **BIANC Symposium Coming in a Few Weeks!**

BIANC's Annual Symposium ***After the Big Bang: Managing Your New Universe*** is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Cary, NC. There will be a half day workshop on sports concussion on Thursday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and a full day of activities on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost for two days is \$195, and after October 20<sup>th</sup> it goes up to \$210. The cost for Thursday only is \$60, and after October 20<sup>th</sup> it is \$75. The cost to attend Friday only is \$150, going up to \$165 after October 20<sup>th</sup>.

This symposium has been a one day conference in the past, but this year we are offering a 2 day series of informative presentations from local and national experts in the brain injury field.

The Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> session will feature recent MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant winner Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz, Chairman of UNC's Department of Exercise and Sports Medicine. Dr. Guskiewicz is renowned for his research on concussion management. Dr. Guskiewicz heads up the sport concussion program at UNC-CH, while also serving as the Director of the Sports Medicine Research Laboratory and Research Director of the Center for the Study of Retired Athletes.

Check out the recent featured article from CNN on Dr. Guskiewicz:

[http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/20/health/mental-health/concussion-macarthur-grant/?hpt=he\\_cl](http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/20/health/mental-health/concussion-macarthur-grant/?hpt=he_cl)

***Slots are filling up quickly, so be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible!***

Register online at:

[https://www.wakeahec.org/CourseCatalog/CASCE\\_courseinfo.asp?cr=34143](https://www.wakeahec.org/CourseCatalog/CASCE_courseinfo.asp?cr=34143)

### **BIANC Welcomes New Charlotte Resource Coordinator**

Sheri Bartel has joined BIANC as the Resource Coordinator for the Charlotte Brain Injury Resource Center. Peggy Philbrick officially retired in September, but will continue to work as a volunteer. Sheri began working with individuals with brain injuries in 1989 at Carolinas Rehabilitation and is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist with a Master's Degree in Education. Sheri also works in the Research Department of Carolinas Rehabilitation for the TBI Affect Recognition Study. She has experience with vocational return to work challenges and with providing training on brain injury. As a North Carolina native, Sheri is committed to promoting, developing, and delivering services to people living with brain injuries in our great State.

## **BIANC to Provide Upcoming CBIS Classes**

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.

**Wilmington: November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

New Hanover Regional Medical Center

*Deadline to Register: October 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Winston-Salem: January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

Wake Forest Baptist Health

*Deadline to Register: December 1<sup>st</sup>*

Please visit our website for details at:

[http://bianc.net/resources/education\\_and\\_training/CBIS/index.html](http://bianc.net/resources/education_and_training/CBIS/index.html)

For further information on CBIS classes and registration/payment contact:

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## **Harvest Feast Fun Day Coming up October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

BIANC and the Triangle Area Support Group of Raleigh are sponsoring a regional event for support group members, survivors, families, and friends at Harris Lake County Park in New Hill, NC (about 25 minutes from downtown Raleigh) On Saturday, October 22nd. The event will run from 11am-2pm and will feature lots of laughs, fun activities for all, and a guaranteed good time! Fishing and arts and crafts will be featured activities, and bring a covered dish for a potluck lunch! Please review the flyer in the link below. See you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

<http://bianc.net/docs/Support%20Group/Oct%202022Triangle%20Picnic%20Flier.pdf>

## **BIANC Visiting Rehabilitation Hospitals Statewide**

The staff of the Brain Injury Association of NC maintains contact with rehabilitation partners and hospitals throughout the state, and BIANC staff members are scheduling visits with hospital representatives to be sure that they have BIANC brochures, newsletters, *Skill Packs\**, and complimentary membership forms. BIANC offers newly injured survivors and their families, as well as military and veterans affected by brain injury free memberships to BIANC so that they may stay informed of resources and news related to brain injury in North Carolina. We want to be certain that each family or individual living with the trauma of brain injury knows that BIANC is their advocacy organization and that we can offer them literature, training, and assistance in locating resources and support on their journey.

\*Review our Skill Packs by clicking on the links below:

For Hospital Staff, Medical/Rehab Professionals:

<http://www.bianc.net/docs/BIANCPublications/Skill%20Pack%20Hospital%20Staff.pdf>

For Families:

<http://www.bianc.net/docs/BIANCPublications/Skill%20Pack%20for%20Families.pdf>

## Take Action and Be Heard!

Contacting your lawmakers can be a very effective way of advocating for more funding for brain injury services, on both a local and national level. As Americans, this is our strongest voice for change, and those affected by brain injury know that we need a push for change in fund allocation! Please review the following link with great information for scheduling and meeting with your elected representatives.

[http://www.bianc.net/government\\_and\\_policy/contact\\_your\\_legislator/index.html](http://www.bianc.net/government_and_policy/contact_your_legislator/index.html)

<u><a href="#">Brain Injury Resource Center Asheville</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Brain Injury Resource Center Charlotte</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Brain Injury Resource Center Greenville</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Brain Injury Resource Center Raleigh</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Volunteer Brain Injury Resource Center Triad</a></u>
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