



# THINK BIG

## BRAIN INJURY IN GEORGIA

### 2020 CONFERENCE

## Think BIG 2020: A Forward Vision for Unmasking Brain Injury Care

**JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**Shepherd Center, Callaway Auditorium**  
2020 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309

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## *The BIG Connect* *A Reception Showcasing Survivors and Solutions*

**Friday, January 31, 2020 , 6:30 to 8:30 p.m**  
Shepherd Center, Callaway Auditorium

Please join us for a wonderful evening to welcome conference speakers and attendees at *The BIG Connect: A Reception Showcasing Survivors and Solutions*. You'll have an opportunity to network and connect with professionals committed to improving the care of individuals with brain injury, explore an "Unmasking Brain Injury" art exhibit, visit vendor exhibits and attend the conference poster session. Authors will be standing at their posters from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres and wine/beer. This event is open to conference speakers and registrants who RSVP for no additional charge. Reception attire is business casual.

### Target Audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of Case Managers, Occupational Therapists/Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapists/Physical Therapy Assistants, Recreation Therapists, Registered Nurses, Speech-Language Pathologists and Social Workers.

### Activity Level

Intermediate

### Course Description

Think BIG is a conference for healthcare professionals. It is presented by Shepherd Center and the Brain Injury Association of Georgia (BIAG). This conference will provide clinical tools that rehabilitation professionals can use to improve their care of individuals with brain injury – from acute care through the transition back to the community. The day will conclude with a panel of providers discussing long-term care topics, such as family/caregiver considerations and how to plan for long-term special needs and financial resources.

Attendees will leave with new ideas and resources to understand the needs of people with brain injury and ways to support long-term success.

### Course Objectives

At the completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify three factors that impact recovery after brain injury.
2. Generate four strategies to create a therapeutic environment for people with brain injuries.
3. List three considerations in developing a person-centered treatment approach for survivors of brain injury.
4. Describe challenges and potential solutions for providing long-term care for survivors of brain injury and their caregivers.

### Learning Outcome

To improve the plan of care and quality of long-term outcomes for persons with brain injury

### Topics Include

Disorders of consciousness; the combined psychological and physiological impact of the injury on recovery; and the rehabilitative environment and treatment approaches.

### Call for Posters

Submit your poster abstracts by November 15, 2019 by scanning the QR code here or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y5mdwxxt>





### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Risa Nakase-Richardson, Ph.D., FACRM**, is a clinical research neuropsychologist at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and professor and research director in the Morsani College of Medicine, Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine Division, at the University of South Florida. She has worked in neurorehabilitation in both clinical and research capacities since 1998. She is a Fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) and National Academy of Neuropsychology.

She has authored more than 90 publications and 250 conference presentations. She has published extensively on the topic of sleep and TBI, receiving grant funding to improve clinicians' understanding of the diagnostic utility of sleep assessments for persons with moderate to severe injury. Her publications also include contributions to the literature on disorders of consciousness.

She serves as chair of the Disorders of Consciousness (DOC) Task Force within the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems (TBIMS) and ACRM special interest group. She has served as primary investigator or investigator on grants funded by various federal agencies and private organizations, including the VA, DOD, PCORI, NIDILRR and NAN.

She has worked at the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in Tampa, Florida since 2008. Her interests include rehabilitation outcomes for persons with brain injury with a more recent emphasis on the role of sleep in management of brain injury.



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### CONFERENCE SESSIONS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

7:15-8:00	Registration
8:00-8:15	Welcome Michelle LaPlaca, PhD.; Katy O'Brien, Ph.D., CCC-SLP; and Kathy Farris, OTR/L
8:15-9:15	<b>Disorders of Consciousness: An Update</b> Risa Nakase-Richardson, Ph.D., FACRM (Keynote Speaker)
9:15-10:15	<b>The Impact of Trauma on Brain Structure/Function and Its Effect on Persistent Post-Concussion Symptoms and Behavior</b> Jack Rigg, M.D.
10:15-10:30	Break – Vendor Exhibits
10:30-11:30	<b>Cognitive Rehabilitation in the Post-Acute Phase</b> Leila Hartley, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
11:30-12:30	<b>Tracheostomy Intervention after Traumatic Brain Injury</b> Katie Mixon, M.S., RN, CCC-SLP, and Karen Battaglia, MA, CCC-SLP
12:30-1:30	Lunch Break (provided), Poster Viewing, Vendor Exhibits
1:30-2:30	<b>An Update on Sleep and Traumatic Brain Injury</b> Risa Nakase-Richardson, Ph.D. (Keynote Speaker)
2:30-3:45	<b>Rehabilitation Environment and Treatment: Practical Tools</b> Danielle Bonner, PT, DPT, NCS, C/NDT; Allison Cwick, M.S, CCC-SLP; Julia Plymessenger, M.S., OTR/L; Tiffany LeCroy, MSN, RN, CRRN
3:45-4:00	Break – Vendor Exhibits
4:00-5:00	<b>Transitioning Levels of Care Through Post-Acute and Community</b> Jonathan N. Dodd, Psy.D., ABPP
5:00-5:45	<b>Grand Rounds Panel: Resources for Home and Community; Question &amp; Answer</b> Claire Holley, RN, BSN; Kenisha Tait, M.Ed.; Bamidele Adeyemo, M.D.; Keith R. Miles, JD, MBA
5:45	Closing Remarks, Adjourn

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#### Disclosures

To review the speakers' bios and disclosures, please visit [education.shepherd.org](http://education.shepherd.org).

## Registration

To register for this course, please visit: [education.shepherd.org](http://education.shepherd.org)

## Rate

- Professionals: \$250
- Students: \$99 (Enter coupon code "BIAGStudent" and bring your valid student ID to the course registration.)

## Registration Deadline

January 20, 2020

## Proficiency Statement

To obtain continuing education credits, you must attend the entire event, pass the post test and complete the required course evaluation.

## Continuing Education



Shepherd Center, Inc. is an approved provider (#9116) of continuing education units by the American Occupational Therapy Association. This program is approved for 0.8 AOTA CEUs. The assignment of AOTA CEUs does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products, or clinical procedures by AOTA. Course Content is *Intermediate*. Activity type for OTs/COTAs: Category 2, OT process; Category 1, Domain of OT.



**Shepherd Center** is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. **See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area.** ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

This course is offered for 0.8 CEUs. (Intermediate Level; Professional Area)

Shepherd Center is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (This program is approved for 8.0 Contact Hours.)

This program has been submitted to the Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board-certified case managers with 8.0 contact hour(s).

This program has been submitted to the Commission of Rehabilitation Counsel of Certification for approval to provide certified rehabilitation counselors with 8.0 contact hour(s).

An application has been submitted to the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia and is pending approval for PTs and PTAs.

This program has been submitted to the NASW for approval to provide board-certified social workers with 8.0 contact hour(s).

## Refund Policy/Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your participation in this course, your registration fee, less a \$25 administrative fee, will be refunded. Refund requests should be made in writing to the administrative contact. No refunds will be made after January 20, 2020. Cancelled registrations are nontransferable.

Shepherd Center reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to unforeseen circumstances. In the unlikely event Shepherd Center must cancel or postpone this event, Shepherd Center will refund the entire registration cost, but is not responsible for related costs, charges or expenses to participants, including fees associated with airfare, travel and lodging.

## Assistance

If you require assistance, please contact Diane Johnston at [education@shepherd.org](mailto:education@shepherd.org).



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