

Beyond Rehab: *Life* Succeeding at

A conference on brain injury

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About the Conference

The Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City is pleased to present our Annual Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at Life: A Conference on Brain Injury – 2025 for professionals working with those who have experienced brain injury.

Conference Global Objectives

- Identify outcomes for individuals who have experienced mild to severe TBI.
- Develop an understanding of TBI as a chronic condition and updates being provided at National level.
- Identify extensive impact of systems navigation as it relates to the experience of caregiving for an individual who has experienced a TBI.
- Identify current treatment strategies, approaches, and concepts for TBI in the acute and post-acute settings.
- Demonstrate an understanding of long-COVID and its' potential to cause brain injury and various neurological impairments.
- Identify Smart Home Technology available to improve functional independence for individuals who have experienced a TBI.

Who Should Attend

Professionals who work with people who have brain injury or are interested in brain injuries. Sessions will be of interest to a wide variety of rehabilitation professionals including physical therapists, nurses, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, social workers, cognitive rehabilitation therapists, case managers, life care planners, vocational rehabilitation specialists, neuropsychologists, counselors, mental health professionals, special education teachers, and other healthcare professionals who serve individuals with brain injuries and their families.

Target Audience for Continuing Education Accreditation

APRNs, Nurses, Social Workers (working with brain injury patients), PTs/PTAs, OTs/OTAs, SLPs, Psychologists and other interested allied health professionals.

Conference Materials

Participants are encouraged to view available presentations which may be printed prior to the conference, if desired. Presentations will be uploaded into EEDS as made available by the speaker.

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Conference Location

All conference activities will be held at the

Ball Event Center in Olathe.
21350 West 153rd Street
Olathe, KS 66061

Ball Event Center Parking

Lodging Nearby:

There are nearby hotels for overnight accommodation.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Olathe, Kansas
10401 S. Ridgeview Road
Olathe, KS 66061

Cut-off date for this hotel is 3/24/2025

Follow this link for pricing, reservation information, and to book a room:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/mcikoes-bia-4526721c-6c8a-4c34-8eb1-0dc8bc1592cb/>

Hampton Inn & Suites Overland Park South
7521 West 135th Street
Overland Park, KS 66223

Cut-off date for this hotel is 3/24/2025

Follow this link for pricing, reservation information, and to book a room:

[Brain Injury Association of Kansas](#)

OR, you can call the hotel directly at 913.681.6600 *with code 916* to reserve in the block.

Courtyard Kansas City Olathe
12151 South Strang Line Court
Olathe, Kansas 66062

Cut-off date for this hotel is 3/24/2025

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<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1741733753069&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

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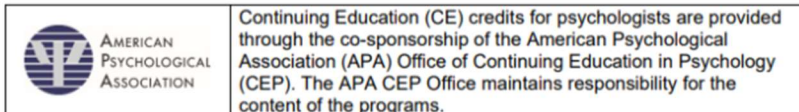


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Credits Available for this Activity:

Psychologists: approved for a maximum of 12.5 continuing education credits.



Nurses (APRNs/RNs): The University of Kansas Medical Center designates this activity for a maximum of 12.5 ANCC contact hours. Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Social Workers: The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center East, as an approved provider of continuing education by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, presents this offering for a maximum of 12.5 hours credit applicable for relicensure of LASWs, LBSWs, LMSWs and LSCSWs. Kansas Provider Number 12-002. Karen Aufdemberge, RN, BSN coordinator.

Physical Therapist/Physical Therapy Assistants: The American Physical Therapy Association of Kansas (APTA KS) has approved this activity for up to 12.50 credits. Approved from 2/27/2020 through 4/30/2026, approval number: CEUL154388



Occupational Therapists: The Kansas Occupational Therapy Association (KOTA) has approved this activity for up to 12.5 CLASS 1 contact hours for OT/ COTA CEUs. Approval for this program is valid from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2027

Speech-Language Pathologists:

To earn continuing education credits for this course, attendees must complete a course evaluation within 7 days after the course ends. This evaluation will include two to three self-reflections on your learning and how you may apply what you have learned



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All other attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

Nondiscrimination Statement: The University of Kansas is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Program Accessibility: We accommodate persons with disabilities. Please indicate your need for accommodation during the registration process or call 620-235-4040 and discuss needs with a representative.

**Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City
Professional Conference- Ball Conference Center – Thursday, April 3, 2025**

- 7:30-8:15** **Registration*Browse Exhibits*Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:30** **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Heather Pilkinton, Executive Director, BIAKS
Terrie Price, PhD, ABPP, Professional Conference Committee Chair
- 8:30-9:30** **Creating a Bright Future Together**
Rick Willis, BIAA President
- 9:30-10:30** **Post-Traumatic Headaches**
Trevor Gerson, MD
- 10:30-10:45** **Break*Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 10:45-11:45** **Breakouts**
☒ **Meltdowns and Mayhem: Emotion regulation strategies for neurodivergent children and the caregivers who support them – Rm A**
Tami Radohl, PhD, LCSW
☒ **Caring for the Brain Injury Patient: The New Reality – Rm C**
Carmen Patty MSN, MBA, RN
- 11:45-12:30** **Lunch - *Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 12:30-1:00** **Beyond the Injury: How My Traumatic Brain Injury Shaped My Legal Advocacy**
Kelly L. St. John, Esq.
- 1:00-3:00** **Workshop & Breakouts I & II**
When registering, you must either select the workshop in its entirety or select the breakouts in the 1-2PM and 2-3PM offerings.
- 1:00-3:00** **Workshop**
☒ **Adapting Mental Health Tools in Treating Brain Injury – Rm C**
Eric Hansen LCSW, LMSW, LMAC, CADC
- 1:00-2:00** **Breakout I**
☒ **A Framework for Understanding Long COVID – Rm A**
Jenna Hopkins, OT & Kelly Meiners, PhD
☒ **Targeting Functional Cognition in an Outpatient Therapy Setting. – Mabee**
Stephanie Ramirez, MA CCC-SLP
- 2:00-3:00** **Breakout II**
☒ **Transdisciplinary Care in Inpatient Rehab Setting with TBI patients Rm A**
Bailee Shafer, MOT, OTR/L
Carly McClelland, PT, DPT, CBIS
Mollie Reves, MS, CCC-SLP
☒ **Bridging the Behavior Deficit Gap After a Brain Injury by Utilizing Applied Behavior Analysis – Mabee**
Kimberly A. Suter, M.A., BCBA, CBIST, LBA
- 3:00-3:15** **Break*Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 3:15-4:15** **Keynote Presentation**
Update on the INCOG Guidelines for Cognitive Rehabilitation
Jennie Ponsford, BA (Hons), MA (Clin Neuropsych), PhD, FCCN, MAP
Recorded with Live Q&A ☒ **Sponsored by Minds Matter**
- 4:15-4:30** **Concluding Remarks*CEU Certificates**
- 4:30-6:00** **Reception Sponsored by DM Law**

Continuing Education Credits available for **bolded sessions. Please see the following Continuing Education Accreditation Page for attendance & accreditation criteria.*

**Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City
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- 7:30-8:15** **Registration*Browse Exhibits*Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:30** **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**
Heather Pilkinton, Executive Director, BIAKS
Terrie Price, PhD, ABPP, Professional Conference Committee Chair
- 8:30-9:30** **Dr. Gary Berger Memorial Lecture**
Making an Impact – Assistive Technology and Beyond
Suzie Wiley, OTR
- 9:30-10:30** **Ethical Considerations in Concussion Management**
Patrick Armistead-Jehle, PhD., ABPP-CN
- 10:30-10:45** **Break*Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 10:45-11:45** **Panel Discussion: Caregiver Insights into Navigating TBI Services.**
Eric Hansen – Moderator
Tami Radhol, PhD, LSCSW
Erin Johnston – Mother of lived experience individual
Arianna Phares
- 11:45-12:45** **Lunch - *Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 12:45-1:45** **Breakouts**
☒ **Pharmacology for Brain Injury Patients in Inpatient Rehabilitation – Rm C**
Khulan Sarmiento, D.O.

☒ **Smart Home Technology – Rm A**
David D. Baker, M.A.
- 1:45-2:45** **Person-Served Engagement: The Relationship Between Program Design,
Effort and Outcomes in Brain Injury Rehabilitation**
Dave Anders, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST-AP
- 2:45-3:00** **Break*Browse Exhibits*Network**
- 3:00-4:00** **Keynote Presentation**
**What does the future hold for people with moderate-severe traumatic
brain injury?**
Jennie Ponsford, BA (Hons), MA (Clin Neuropsych), PhD, FCCN, MAP
Recorded with Live Q&A
☒ **Sponsored by Minds Matter**
- 4:00-4:15** **CEU Instructions * Sponsor Give-Aways * Concluding Remarks**

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Faculty and Disclosures

Keynote Speaker



Jennie Ponsford, AO, BA(Hons), MA(Clin Neuropsych), PhD, MAPsS, FCCN

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Jennie Ponsford, AO, BA(Hons), MA(Clin Neuropsych), PhD, MAPsS, FCCN is Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor of Neuropsychology in the School of Psychological Sciences at Monash University, where she established and directed the doctoral training program in Clinical Neuropsychology 2000-2019. She is Director of the Monash-Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre at Epworth Healthcare in Melbourne, Australia. Over 43 years she has conducted clinical work and research with individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI), investigating outcomes and the efficacy of rehabilitative interventions, with over 500 publications, including two books. She is Past-President of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS), International Association for Study of TBI and Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment. She has received the Robert Moody prize for Distinguished Initiatives in Brain Injury and Rehabilitation (2013), INS Paul Satz Career Mentoring Award (2015), IBIA Jennett Plum Award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement in Brain Injury Medicine (2023) Australian Psychological Society Award of Distinction in Psychological Science. and in 2017 was made Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished contributions to neuropsychology and diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of TBI. In 2020, 2022 and 2023 The Australian' named her as Australia's leading researcher in the field of Rehabilitation Therapy. She serves on editorial boards of seven journals and is an Associate Editor of Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society.

Jennie Ponsford, AO, BA(Hons), MA(Clin Neuropsych), PhD, MAPsS, FCCN receives a salary from the Monash University and Epworth Healthcare. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Dr. Gary Berger Lecture and Award



Suzie Wiley, OTR

Suzie Wiley graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Occupational Therapy and has worked at Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City/AbilityKC in various capacities throughout her career. Her clinical background in neuro-rehabilitation brought a team of therapists at RIKC to recognize the limitations individuals experience for written and spoken communication and the potential that technology could offer. In 1989, the Adaptive Computer & Communication Technology Program (ACCT) was developed to assist individuals and their families through the process of learning the technology adaptations available to bridge that gap and further expand their social connections. This programming is provided by combining a team with extensive rehabilitation experience and current trends in assistive technology. This program has continued to grow to be a regional resource for assistive technology strategies related to employment, school and participation in social and community activities.

Suzie Wiley, OTR, receives a salary from Ability KC. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Rick Willis

Rick Willis is the president and CEO of the Brain Injury Association of America. He has more than 25 years of leadership experience in the nonprofit space. Prior to joining BIAA, Willis served as the Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Revenue Strategy with the Arthritis Foundation. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Willis began his nonprofit career in 1997 at the Muscular Dystrophy Association and went on to hold leadership roles at the American Diabetes Association, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Melbourne, Australia-based Cancer Council Victoria.

Rick Willis receives a salary from the BIAA. He has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Patrick Armistead-Jehle, PhD., ABPP-CN

Dr. Armistead-Jehle, PhD, ABPP-CN, is the Chief of the Concussion Clinic at Munson Army Health Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and completed his doctoral training at Tripler Army Medical Center. He then served as an Active-Duty Army Psychologist prior to working as a clinical neuropsychologist for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Since 2009 he has been active in clinical and research activities at Munson Army Health Center. Dr. Armistead-Jehle has authored over 50 journal publications and over a dozen book chapters, largely focusing on neuropsychology testing and TBI. He has given several presentations at national neuropsychological and psychological conferences.

Dr. Armistead-Jehle is a Licensed Psychologist, who is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Armistead-Jehle serves as an assistant editor for three peer reviewed journals and is an ad hoc reviewer for over a dozen others. He is a member of American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology and a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

Patrick Armistead-Jehle, PhD., ABPP-CN receives a salary from the United States Department of Defense. He has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Trevor Gerson, MD

Dr Trevor Gerson is an Associate Professor at the University of Missouri, Kansas City in the Division of Pediatrics, Child Neurology Section at Children's Mercy Kansas City as well as Assistant Professor of Neurology, University of Kansas. He obtained his medical degree at Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Bioscience, followed by Neurology residency at the University of Kansas before completing his Headache Fellowship at Children's Mercy Kansas City. He serves in many capacities through the American Headache Society as well serving as the Executive Vice President of the World Headache Society. He is the Associate Program Director of the Headache Fellowship at CMKC and teaches medical students, residents, and fellows across the world.

Trevor Gerson, MD receives a salary from Children's Mercy- Kansas City. He reports that he was on the advisory board for Theranica but the relationship ended in June 2024.

Dr. Tami Radohl, PhD, LCSW

Dr. Tami Radohl, PhD, LCSW is currently an Associate Professor at Fort Hays State University. She specializes in behavioral health, assessment, and working with children and families. She received her BSW from the University of Kansas, her MSW from Washburn University, and her PhD from the University of Kansas. Dissertation research focused on adult mental health recovery, Shared Decision Making, and Personal Medicine. Current research focuses on field education, social work pedagogy, homeless youth, and social work advocacy. Outside of employment, she is continually active in the community, focusing on the assistance of non-profits, food and housing accessibility, and leadership training. Dr. Radohl also has a 16-year-old son with an acquired brain injury; she has experience from clinical and parental perspectives regarding treatment, maintenance, parenting, and care.

Tami Radohl, PHD, LCSW, receives a salary from Fort Hays State University. She reports that she is a co-owner of SR Holdings and Innovations, LLC.

Carmen Patty, MSN, MBA, RN

Carmen Patty is the Chief Nursing Officer for Meadowbrook Hospital. The hospital specializes in dealing with individuals who have suffered a traumatic brain injury and is driven by a profound commitment to improving the lives of those affected by traumatic brain injuries. I have dedicated my understanding and my professional journey to supporting individuals and their families to navigate the complex challenges that arise from such experiences. I have spent the last 40 years working as a professional nurse. My passion for this stems from a deep-seated belief in the resilience of the human spirit and the transformative power of compassionate care. I have a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Mary. I received my RN from Stanford Brown University. Through empathy education and advocacy, I strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those and their family members affected by a traumatic brain injury.

Carmen Patty, MSN, MBA, RN receives a salary from Recover Care, Inc. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Kelly L. St. John, Esq.

Kelly L. St. John is a dedicated personal injury attorney with a passion for advocating on behalf of personal injury survivors. With years of experience helping clients navigate the complexities of personal injury altercations, Kelly L. St. John brings a unique perspective to the field as a brain injury survivor herself. Her personal journey fuels her commitment to supporting those affected by life-altering injuries. At this Conference, Kelly L. St. John combines professional expertise and personal insight to shed light on the challenges, both legal and emotional, faced by individuals and families impacted by brain injuries.

Kelly L. St. John, Esq., receives a salary from the DM Law Firm. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Eric Hansen, LMSW, LMAC, CADC

Eric is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and Licensed Master Addiction Counselor (LMAC) in Kansas and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) in Missouri. He has a Master of Divinity with an emphasis on counseling and a second master's degree in social work from Park University. Eric has cultural competence living and providing services on the Yakima Indian Reservation, experience working in a detox unit, providing individual and group therapy with an inpatient psychiatric unit, adolescents, and military/ first responders. He has taken opportunities to specialize in the treatment of substance use disorders, trauma, and brain injuries.

These specialties include the dynamics of working with partners and families. Eric has lived experiences with trauma, being a loved one of others with addiction, and his partner experienced a traumatic brain injury 21 years ago. These experiences have sparked the drive to work professionally to promote healing the mind and souls of those who experience these realities

Eric Hansen, LMSW, LMAC, CADC, receives a salary from Clinical Counseling Associates. He has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Jenna Hopkins, M.Ed., MOT

Jenna Hopkins, an Occupational Therapist, graduated from the University of Kansas in 2016, and joined University Health Truman Medical Center. Since 2021, she has been the primary outpatient therapist at the Center for COVID Recovery and worked with over 150 patients with this disabling condition. Jenna is a Long COVID advocate, championing awareness and support for those navigating this complex health journey. Jenna joined the Long COVID Physio team in 2022 and she presented her insights at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) adult rehabilitation conference in October 2023. She is the AOTA co-moderator for the Long COVID community of practice (COP) and creates educational courses for health care professionals around the topic of long COVID. She also started a monthly support for people with long COVID in Kansas City.

Jenna Hopkins, M.Ed., MOT, receives a salary from the University Health Truman Medical Center. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Kelly Meiners PT, MPT, PhD, ATC, CSCS

Kelly Meiners PT, MPT, PhD, ATC, CSCS was the Program Director of the Rockhurst University Department of Physical Therapy and Exercise Science prior to becoming disabled by COVID in 2021. Though homebound and struggling with physical and cognitive disabilities, she is a member of Long COVID Physio Education Committee and advocates for Long COVID awareness through painting about her experiences.

She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Stephanie Ramirez, MA, CCC-SLP

Stephanie has been practicing speech-language pathology since 2009 in various settings, primarily focusing on acute care and outpatient rehabilitation with adults. In February of 2021, Stephanie founded the virtual Brain Injury Support Group through North Kansas City Hospital which meets monthly and has served over 80 individuals from Missouri to California who are recovering from concussions. She is passionate about sharing information with the community and has been a featured speaker at several conferences including the KU Concussion Symposium, STEM Saturdays at Union Station, and the Kansas Speech and Hearing Association. Stephanie enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, Owen and Mia, and rooting for her alma mater the Oregon Ducks.

Stephanie Ramirez, MA, CCC-SLP, receives a salary from North Kansas City Hospital. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Bailee Shafer, MOT, OTR/L

Bailee graduated from Rockhurst University in 2020 with her Master's in Occupational Therapy. She began working on The University of Kansas Health System inpatient rehab unit following graduation. She has experience on acute care and the rehab unit. Bailee currently serves on the TBI and burn team. She assists in complex vision evaluations.

Bailee Shafer, MOT, OTR/L receives a salary from The University of Kansas Health system. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Carly McClelland, PT, DPT, CBIS

Carly graduated from St. Louis University in 2010 and began her career at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, TX, where she worked on the neurological and trauma ICU for 5 1/2 years. After returning to Kansas City, she joined The University of Kansas Health System, initially working with the neuro team across both ICU and floor units. In 2016, Carly transitioned to the inpatient rehab unit, focusing on brain injury rehabilitation. She earned her Brain Injury Specialist Certification in 2021 and currently serves as the Team Leader of the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Team.

Carly McClelland, PT, DPT, CBIS, receives a salary from The University of Kansas Health system. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Mollie Reves, MS, CCC-SLP

Mollie Reves, MS, CCC-SLP is a medical based Speech Language Pathologist. Mollie obtained her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from Fort Hays State University in 2020. Mollie has been practicing in the acute inpatient rehabilitation setting for 3.5 years, serving on the TBI and burn team. She earned her Modified Barium Swallow Impairment Profile (MBSImP) Certification in May 2022 and completed her Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) training in February 2025.

Mollie Reves, MS, CCC-SLP receives a salary from The University of Kansas Health system. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Kimberly A. Suter, M.A., BCBA, CBIST, LBA

Kim is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she completed her undergraduate degree at Oklahoma State University. During her studies, she worked at a charter school dedicated to supporting children with brain injuries, developmental disabilities, and severe behavioral disorders. This unique charter school provided specialized training for therapists and clinicians, and each student received daily behavioral therapy and counseling. It was here that Kim discovered her true calling and developed a deep passion for helping others.

Kim sustained a moderate brain injury in a vehicle accident during her senior year of high school, which led to a range of persistent symptoms. After seeking medical treatment and navigating her recovery, she developed a strong interest in behavioral analysis as a means of better understanding and supporting individuals facing similar challenges.

Determined to pursue this passion, Kim earned a master's degree in applied Behavior Analysis from Ball State University, along with a certificate in Autism and ABA. With extensive practical experience in the Kansas City metropolitan area, she became one of the first Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to specialize in brain injury treatment and the implementation of intervention strategies in both Kansas and Missouri.

Kimberly A. Suter, M.A., BCBA, CBIST, LBA receives a salary from Advanced Neurobehavioral Services. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Erin Johnston

Erin Johnston is the mother of a 10-year post TBI 17-year-old son. Erin is a former Paramedic and currently works part-time as a Church Secretary. She has been married to her husband, Corey, for 19 years and they have 4 children. Our 17-year-old son is the youngest child and my full-time job. I act as his caretaker, caseworker, advocate, researcher and parent.

She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Khulan Sarmiento, D.O.

Khulan Sarmiento, D.O. is currently at the University of Kansas as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Sarmiento's clinical focus is on inpatient rehabilitation, inpatient consults, spasticity management, amputee care and EMGs. Her academic interests include working closely with PM&R residents during their IPR rotations to increase interest in general rehabilitation.

Khulan Sarmiento, D.O. receives a salary from KUMC and UKP. She has no relevant relationships to disclose.

David D. Baker, M.A.

David Baker is the director of Missouri Assistive Technology, Missouri's federally funded state assistive technology program. David's interest and involvement in assistive technology began nearly 30 years ago when he had the pleasure of working with an individual who was using one of the first commercially available augmentative communication devices. Fascinated with what adapted technology can do to level the playing field and open opportunities, David has devoted his entire professional career to the incorporation of assistive technology into the daily lives of individuals with disabilities.

David has held a variety of positions that have seen him involved in all facets of assistive technology including training, program development and program management. He has presented widely on both the state and national level

David D. Baker, M.A., receives a salary from Missouri Assistive Technology. He has no relevant relationships to disclose.

Dave Anders, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST-AP

Dave is On With Life's chief clinical officer and has been practicing as a speech-language pathologist in the field of brain injury rehabilitation since 1997. Dave has been a certified brain injury specialist since 2004 and holds both ACBIS' trainer and advanced practice designations. Dave serves on the boards of the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) and the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA). He has presented nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics related to brain injury.

Dave Anders, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST-AP, receives a salary from On With Life. He has no relevant relationships to disclose.

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