

# Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at *Life*

*A conference on brain injury*

## **Please Join Us**

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Friday November 8, 2024

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## About the Conference

The Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City is pleased to present our Third Annual Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at Life- A Conference on Brain Injury –2024 for professionals working with those who have experienced brain injury.

## Conference Global Objective

- ❖ To effectively implement best practices, including vision therapy techniques, in addressing the needs of underserved populations, aiming to enhance overall well-being and quality of life of individuals living with brain injury.
- ❖ Identify community resources to support the growth of independence through rehabilitation.
- ❖ Identify common challenges experienced by individuals with acquired and traumatic brain injury and their caregivers.
- ❖ Identify at least two physical therapy assessments and treatments for the vestibular patient.
- ❖ Identify best practice strategies for the treatment and rehabilitation of those with a brain injury.
- ❖ Identify the red flag symptoms of head injury/concussion.

## 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 & Lodging

All conference activities will be held at Hyatt Regency Wichita

### Lodging

A block of hotel rooms for conference attendees have been reserved at the Hyatt Regency Wichita for November 6 and November 7. These rooms have a reduced rate of \$132.00 \*before tax and incidentals. Free parking and Wi-Fi are included for the hotel guests. Conference attendees can park for free in the adjoining parking garage when staying at the hotel. *For any guests who are not staying at the hotel but are attending the conference they can park for free in the lot across the street or park in the garage for a discounted rate of \$6 daily.*

**To guarantee the rate, please make your reservations by October 23, 2024.**

Reservations may be made by calling (316) 293-1234 and refer to the group name: Brain Injury Association of Kansas. You may also register online at:

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Please identify yourself as part of the Beyond Rehab: Succeeding at Life group.

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Advance registration is required. Fee includes materials, meals and breaks, and continuing education credit for those eligible. For a complete list of fee options please see the registration information below. **Registration deadline is 10/30/2024 at 5:00PM.**

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To register for the conference, go to <https://www.eeds.com/live/174725> or scan



- 1) Once you are in the registration portal, you will enter your name and email. It will then ask you to choose your registration type (**early bird, full registration, or student**) from the options provided (see below).
- 2) Then complete the information that is needed,
- 3) You will need to select the breakout session before you are able to continue.
- 4) Then make payment via credit/debit card. You will be transferred to a secure site to complete payment.
- 5) When you have completed the payment process, you will be emailed a receipt.

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#### Full Registration deadline by Oct. 30, 2024

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### Credits Available for this Activity:

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**Physical Therapist/Physical Therapy Assistants:** The American Physical Therapy Association of Kansas (APTA KS) has approved this activity for 9.50 credits. Approved from 3/27/2024 through 3/28/2024, approval number: CEUL143073.

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# Conference Agenda – Thursday, November 7, 2024

Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks Provided

- 7:45-8:15**      **Registration\*Browse Exhibits\*Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:25**      **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions**  
**Heather Pilkinton, Executive Director, BIAKS**  
**Mark Bolinger, AHEC**
- 8:30-9:30**      **Life After Brain Injury-More Than Surviving: How to Help Them Thrive**  
**Leif Leaf Ph.D., Psychologist**
- 9:30-10:30**      **Empowering Independence through Assistive Technology after Brain Injury**  
**Abby Azeltine M.S. CCC-SLP, CBIS**  
**Cassie Ramon**
- 10:30-10:45**      **Break\*Browse Exhibits\*Network**
- 10:45-11:45**      **Breakouts**
- **Mental health & suicide**  
**Shiloh Jiwanlal, BSN, MSN, APRN-PMHCNS-BC**
  - **Working with development of movements sequences to foster independence in daily living activities, emotional wellbeing, and physical health.**  
**Tyler Stoddard, OTR/L**  
**Melissa Ginther, OTR/L**
- 11:45-12:15**      **Lunch - \*Browse Exhibits\*Network**
- 12:15-1:00**      **My Brain Survived**  
**Darryl Symonds**
- 1:00-2:00**      **The role of the comprehensive vestibular evaluation for the concussion/brain injury patient**  
**Rebekah Highfill, Au.D., CCC-A**
- 2:00-3:00**      **Current concepts in Vestibular Rehabilitation for the Concussion/Brain Injured Patient**  
**Barbara Newby, PT**
- 3:00-3:15**      **Break\*Browse Exhibits\*Network**
- 3:15-4:15**      **Beyond the Streets: Addressing Traumatic Brain Injuries Among the Homeless.**  
**Officer Nathan Schwiethale**  
**Officer Brittney Graham**
- 4:15-4:30**      **Concluding Remarks**

## Conference Agenda – Friday, November 8, 2024

Breakfast and Snacks Provided

- 8:00-8:30**      **Registration\*Browse Exhibits\*Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:30**      **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**  
**Heather Pilkinton, Executive Director, BIAKS & AHEC**
- 8:30-9:30**      **Current research & treatment techniques for BI patients with**  
**vision impairments**  
**Deena Sandall, OD**
- 9:30-10:30**      **Sports Related Concussions**  
**Paul Cleland, MD**
- 10:30-10:45**      **Break\*Browse Exhibits\*Network**
- 10:45-11:45**      **TBI and Behavioral Health in the Military Population**  
**Melissa Hall, LCSW, LMAC**
- 11:45-12:15**      **Bingo Prizes**  
**CEU Certificates Instructions**  
**Concluding Remarks**



## Faculty and Disclosures



### **Leif Leaf Ph.D., Psychologist**

Leif “Eric” Leaf was born in San Diego and raised in Oceanside. He attended MiraCosta College, San Diego State and received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Chico State University in Speech/Language Pathology and his PhD in Counselling Psychology from Indiana State University with an emphasis in Neuropsychology. He worked for the Oceanside Unified School District as a Speech Pathologist. He has practiced Neuropsychology for more than 35 years supporting individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families, and leading TBI programs in Kansas City, Los Angeles, Chicago and Las Vegas. He is the author and co-author of books and several journal articles about brain injury. He is a frequent speaker locally and nationally on Brain Injury and Recovery topics. Dr. Leaf served as an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of the master’s program at the University of St. Mary. He works as a Disability Consultant for Social Security Disability, in private practice and as the Director of Counselling Services for his church, providing free counselling services as part of the church’s outreach ministry. His life’s mission has been encouraging and helping people. He loves spending time with his wife, Kim, sons Mason and Nick and their families including 4 awesome grandchildren. He enjoys surfing, writing, and travelling to support missions.

Leif Leaf, Ph.D., receives a salary from NeuroRehab Care. He reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Abby Azeltine M.S. CCC-SLP, CBIS**

Abby Azeltine is a Speech Language Pathologist and Certified Brain Injury Specialist who serves as the Assistive Technology for Kansans Program Coordinator. Prior to her role with ATK she practiced as a Speech Language Pathologist for six years in inpatient, outpatient, acute care, home and community, school, and clinic settings for individuals across the lifespan. She spent three years providing Speech Language Pathology services to individuals on the Kansas Brain Injury waiver. Through her clinical experiences she has developed a knowledge of how brain injuries can impact survivors’ speech, cognition, mental health, mobility, and independence.

Abby Azeltine, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIS, receives a salary from the University of Kansas. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.





### **Cassie Ramon**

Cassie Ramon is an experienced Assistive Technology Specialist with over a decade at Assistive Technology for Kansans, and almost 14 years with OCCK inc. Currently managing the statewide device loan library. Cassie is passionate about helping individuals access the latest in assistive technology. Over the past 10 yrs she has worked on a variety of grant programs focusing a different disability. With a commitment to staying current on emerging devices and trends, Cassie plays a crucial role in enhancing the lives of those with disabilities throughout the state.

Cassie Ramon receives a salary from OCCK, Inc. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Shiloh Jiwanlal, BSN, MSN, APRN-PMHCNS-BS**

Shiloh Jiwanlal is an educator at Ascension Via Christi. She is licensed and Board certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist APRN. She has been with Ascension for over 25 years. Shiloh has built a broad range of experience as a staff nurse at St. Joseph in Behavioral Health, moved to a staff therapist role working with adolescents/families after receiving her masters in Psychiatric Nursing specialty as a clinical nurse specialist working with various age groups. She also was a medication provider when the Catholic Counseling Center was offering services. She served as a clinical nurse specialist for more than 25 years and evolved into her current role as an educator in the clinical practice development department.

Her humble beginnings started at Bethany college Lindsborg, KS where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology education and transitioned to nursing at Creighton University in Omaha Nebraska where she received her second bachelor's in nursing. She began her career in Emporia Ks at St. Mary's Hospital and later at the KU Medical Center as a resource nurse.

Her passion is to equip healthcare teams to level the view of mental health as a biopsychosocial disorder within the confines of the brain drives all behaviors and nothing bypasses the brain. Her perspective taking to motivate others with reasoning is welcomed as she uses her experience coupled with her desire to see the good in everyone. Shiloh is a long-time trainer for Ascension Via Christi on de-escalation with the goal of clarifying perceptions between caring professionals and patients/families. She is engaged in Workplace Violence Prevention. She is heavily involved in suicide prevention in the hospitals and has long been an advocate to listen to the patients' perspective and reasoning with compassion to create an atmosphere to find one's own alternatives. She is involved at the national level with Ascension on various teams to standardize training and provides subject matter expertise related to behavioral health aspects of caregiving.

She co-authored published articles on: Suicide myth, Serotonin Syndrome, An Individualized Music-Based intervention for acute Neuropsychiatric symptoms in Hospitalized Older adults with Cognitive Impairment. She published an article in the Kansas Nurse: Losing the brain

Shiloh Jiwanlal, BSN, MSN, APRN-PMHCNS-BS, receives a salary from Ascension Via Christi. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Tyler Stoddard, OTR/L**

Tyler Stoddard has been a practicing occupational therapist since 2017! He enjoys running and his growing family. He aims to assist Kansans in all their technology needs!

Tyler Stoddard, OTR/L, receives a salary from OCCK. He reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Melissa Ginther, OTR/L**

Melissa is a practitioner who is described by her teammates as thorough, informative and applicable when explaining strategies and techniques to families. She is intuitive in the needs of her clients and is thought of as thinking "out of the box" when coming up with practical strategies to help her clients. She will incorporate eclectic approaches with her style of movement training working with development of movement strategies to foster independence in daily living activities, emotional wellbeing and physical health. Melissa is certified in Neurodevelopmental Training for Adults, has taken extensive course training in Fascial Counterstrain from Brian Tuckey PT through Jones Institute. In her spare time, she enjoys teaching pilates/yoga combo classes, fitness training classes, sewing and crafts. Melissa spends time outdoors to assist in her own spiritual health and wellbeing.

Melissa Ginther, OTR/L, receives a salary from USD 489. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Darryl Symonds**

Hello, my name is Darryl. I am a stroke survivor from August 15, 2010. I received limited therapy until I began with Minds Matter 3 years ago. I am now living more independently thanks to the therapy and assistance from my PCA. I recently developed a YouTube channel that demonstrates cooking with limited functions.

Darryl Symonds reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Rebekah Highfill, Au.D., CCC-A**

Rebekah Highfill AU.D., CCC-A, is a clinical audiologist with Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. She provides audiology services for infants, children, and adults with a special interest in vestibular audiology. Rebekah earned her doctorate of audiology degree at the University of Kansas Medical Center

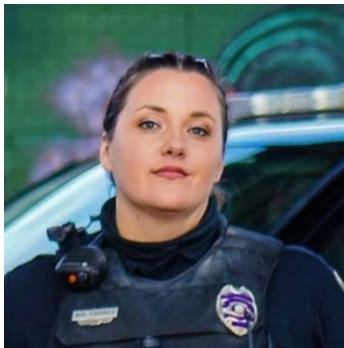
Rebekah Highfill, Au.D., CCC-A, receives a salary from Ascension Via Christi. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Barbara Newby, PT**

Barbara Newby, PT is a physical therapist with Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital providing services for vestibular and neurological rehabilitation patients. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy at Wichita State University and began her career providing physical therapy for neurologically involved patients in both the in-patient and out-patient setting. In the mid 1990s, she became interested in vestibular rehab and completed Susan Herdman's competency based vestibular rehabilitation course in 1999. Barbara was a guest lecturer at Wichita State University for the physical therapy program for many years as well as providing clinical instruction. In 2023 she received a certificate of competency in vestibular rehab from 360 Neuro Health.

Barbara Newby, PT, receives a salary from Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Officer Brittney Graham**

Officer Brittney Graham has worked for the Wichita Police Department for 9 years. Her first 3 years with WPD was serving as an Animal Cruelty Investigator and was recruited to switch to Patrol in 2018. On Patrol she served the Westside for several years then during 2021, She spent 11 months as an honorary Detective in Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Unit before joining the Homeless Outreach Team. She was selected to be on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which equips officers to assist mentally ill individuals effectively during police interactions.

Officer Graham currently is active and involved with the Sedgwick County CIT Council. CIT Council is tasked with training local Law Enforcement Officers and Deputies around the state of Kansas to assist mentally ill individuals effectively during police interactions. Officer Graham is one of the four officers that work in partnership with homeless service providers to refer homeless individuals to resources and programs to help them out of homelessness and ultimately into permanent housing. To date, H.O.T. has helped over 1,500 homeless off the streets and into permanent or transitional housing while reducing the chronic homeless population by 68%.

The Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team has been recognized by the Department of Justice for decriminalizing homelessness and listed as a best practice on the COPS website. It has been featured in numerous articles, national news, magazines, and TV shows. It was recognized by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness as being a best practice in law enforcement. Officer Graham assists the team in training other agencies and speaks publicly about what the team does and what the community can do to assist to help end homelessness.

Officer Brittney Graham receives a salary from the City of Wichita Police department. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



## **Officer Nate Schwiethale**

Officer Nate Schwiethale has worked for the Wichita Police Department for 23 years. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in community policing in 1999. In 2001 Officer Schwiethale joined the police department and was assigned to work patrol downtown where he has remained his entire career. He was one of the first officers in his department to be trained and selected to be on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which equips officers to assist mentally ill individuals effectively during police interactions.

While patrolling downtown Wichita his entire career, Officer Schwiethale gained extensive knowledge working with the homeless. In 2006 he joined the community policing unit that proactively solves problems in collaboration with businesses and citizens. Locally, Officer Schwiethale is a member of multiple homeless organizations including the Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness, The Continuum of Care Coordination Team, and the Taskforce to End Chronic Homelessness.

In 2011 Officer Schwiethale received specialized training and certifications in police related Homeless Outreach Teams, and in 2013 he created and developed the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.). It is a police unit with a full-time team of four officers that work in partnership with homeless service providers to refer homeless individuals to resources and programs to help them out of homelessness and ultimately into permanent housing. To date, H.O.T. has helped over 1,500 homeless off the streets and into permanent or transitional housing while reducing the chronic homeless population by 68%.

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Officer Schwiethale has received Officer of the Year Awards from the Wichita Police Department, the Crime Commission, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He was also nominated for "Hero of the Year" by the American Red Cross. Officer Schwiethale is currently a Homeless Outreach Team consultant for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Department of Justice & COPS.

Officer Nate Schwiethale receives a salary from the City of Wichita and is a private consultant for Safe-Night.com. He reports no relevant non-financial relationships.





### **Deena D. Sandall, OD**

Dr. Deena Sandall is a Goddard, Kansas native. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Fort Hays State University in 2001. She obtained her Doctorate of Optometry in 2005 from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. Sandall is a member of the Kansas Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association. She is also a member of the American Optometric Association Low Vision Society as well as the Cornea and Contact Lens Society. Dr. Sandall practices primary care optometry as well as adult and pediatric low vision rehabilitation and neuro-optometric rehabilitation. Dr. Sandall is on staff at the Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital and St. Teresa Hospital. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading, water sports and snow skiing. She lives in Goddard with her children, Jax and Layla, and her husband, Dr. Justin Sandall.

Deena D. Sandall, OD, receives a salary from Wichita Family Vision. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Paul Cleland, MD**

Paul M. Cleland, MD, is a sports medicine doctor at Ascension Via Christi in Wichita, KS. He chose this career path because he loves seeing people get better. Dr. Cleland says that the trust patients place in their physicians is a privilege he truly values and respects. Sports Medicine allows him to treat patients of all ages, activity levels and loves helping people get back to doing what they love. Dr. Cleland thinks the best feeling coming from his work is seeing a breakthrough and the smile of a patient who has struggled with an issue or pain for a long time without relief. His favorite vacation spot is on a golf course with no cellular service. Not too many people know Dr. Cleland bowled competitively in high school. Away from the office, Dr. Cleland's hobbies include practicing his faith, spending time with family, playing golf and ping pong.

Paul Cleland, MD, receives a salary from Ascension Via Christi He reports no relevant non-financial relationships.



### **Melissa Hall, LCSW, LMAC**

Melissa Hall received her Masters degree from Newman University's School of Social Work. Since graduation, Melissa has worked as a co-occurring therapist focusing on substance use disorders and trauma. She is trained in cognitive behavioral therapy, prolonged exposure therapy and integrated behavioral couples therapy. Currently, Melissa is the Program Coordinator for the Robert J. Dole's Military to VA (M2VA) program where she helps combat Veterans transition from active duty to civilian life. Melissa is also the social worker assigned to the Polytrauma/TBI clinic where she completes the assessments for individuals being screened or treated for traumatic brain injury.

Melissa Hall, LCSW, LMAC, receives a salary from the Department of Veteran's Affairs. She reports no relevant non-financial relationships.

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**Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City**  
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-  **Julie Luttman, BA, Program Director**  
**Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City**  
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