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OCTOBER 28, 2006

HOUSTON/ GALVESTON BRAIN INJURY REGIONAL SEMINAR

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
OF TEXAS
& UH JUSTIN DART JR.
CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES



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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- 144,000 Texans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year, one every 4 minutes.
- More than 381,000 Texans are living with a disability due to Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- More than 5,700 are permanently disabled by traumatic brain injury each year.

The Brain Injury Association of Texas is an organization that was organized in 1982 as the Texas Head Injury Association by a group of family members and health care professionals in an effort to meet the needs of the survivors of brain injury. This organization is dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of the dignity of life for persons with brain injuries and their families.

The Brain Injury Association of Texas, chartered as a non-profit public service organization, strives to meet the urgent need to develop programs for public awareness and education, to support research and rehabilitation and to provide family guidance. Funds to accomplish these tasks come from individuals, business and industry, and public donations and grants.

The BIATX has accepted this challenge and is committed to goals designed to bring the problem of brain injury to statewide attention and to provide these programs and services so urgently needed.

UH Justin Dart Jr. Center for Students with Disabilities

The Justin Dart, Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES (CSD) office provides accommodations and support services to University of Houston students who have any type of temporary or permanent health impairment, physical limitation, psychiatric disorder, or learning disability. Students are assisted in developing independence and self-reliance so they can function competitively with others in both the college setting and the campus community. CSD staff serve as liaisons between students and faculty, administrators, and outside agencies. Advocacy services are also provided.

This Brain Injury Seminar is a joint effort of the Brain Injury Association of Texas and the UH Justin Dart Jr. Center for Students with Disabilities. The program is designed to provide opportunities to learn about interventions and services for persons with brain injury, to share information about policy issues, and to provide networking between rehabilitation and educational professionals, persons with brain injury, family members, and others.

We hope that this program will build awareness about brain injury and that those attending will be ready and willing to get involved with BIATX!

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Brain Injury Seminar

**October 28, 2006
SEMINAR SCHEDULE:**

7:30am	Registration Continental Breakfast
8:15am	Welcome Margaret A. Struchen, Ph.D., President, BIATX Cheryl Amoruso, LMSW, LCDC Director UH Center for Students with Disabilities
8:30-9:30am	Plenary session: “Integrated Treatment of Spasticity and Movement Disorders Following Acquired Brain Injury” Cindy Ivanhoe, M.D. Chief Medical Officer, Mentis Neurorehabilitation Attending Physician, Memorial Hermann TIRR
9:30-10:00am	Break—View Exhibitors & Network

10:00-11:00am	Family/Survivor Breakout: “Brain Injury: What to Expect and Helpful Tips for Survivors and Caregivers” Jason & Susannah Ferguson
	Professional Breakout: “Interventions for Caregivers of Persons with Brain Injury” Angelle M. Sander, Ph.D. Assistant Professor PM&R Baylor College of Medicine Co-Director, RRTC on Community Integration of Persons with TBI Memorial Hermann TIRR
11:00a-12:00pm	Family/Survivor Breakout: “Walk by Faith” Curtis & Missy Matthias
	Professional Breakout: “Building the Medical and Educational Relationship: Transitioning Back to School” Penny McClard, MS, CCC-SLP Austin Independent School District
12:00-12:30pm	Break—View Exhibitors & Network
12:30-1:30pm	Plenary session: “Facilitating Dreams: The Power of Self-Determination” Jeff Garrison-Tate Advocacy, Inc. <i>(Box Lunch provided)</i>
1:30-2:00pm	Break—View Exhibitors & Network
2:00-3:00pm	Family/Survivor Breakout: “Returning Back to School after Brain Injury” Penny McClard, MS, CCC-SLP Austin Independent School District
	Professional Breakout: “Can Hormones Make a Difference? Traumatic Brain Injury and Hypopituitarism.” Brent Masel, M.D. President and Medical Director Transitional Learning Center at Galveston

3:00-4:00pm	Family/Survivor Breakout: “How the Help America Vote Act will Affect Voters with Disabilities” Jodi Park, Coalition for Texans with Disabilities
	Professional Breakout: “Increasing Access to Higher Education after Brain Injury: Making it Work” Cheryl Amoruso, LMSW, LCDC Director, UH Justin Dart Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES
4:00-4:15pm	Break-View Exhibitors & Network
4:15-5:15pm	Plenary session: “Behavioral Challenges after Brain Injury” John Cassidy, M.D. Founder, President, & CEO Nexus Healthcare Systems, Inc.
5:15-5:30pm	Closing Remarks Margaret A. Struchen, Ph.D. President, Brain Injury Association of Texas

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Exhibitors:

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Transitional Learning Center—Galveston
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Pate Rehabilitation
Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council

Conference Information:

Registration:
\$165 Professional (CEU credits)
\$90 Survivor/Family/(no CEU)

Register on-line at: www.biatx.org
Or, call 800-392-0040 for assistance.

Continuing Education:

This program has been submitted for approval of 7 clock
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- Texas Speech Language Hearing Association
- Texas Physical Therapy Association
- Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
- Commission on Case Manager Certification
- Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Coun-
sors: (BIATX is approved as a pre-approved provider
continuing education for LPC).

**General certificates of attendance will be pro-
vided to all other attendees.**

Conference Location:

Houston Room—University Center
University of Houston, Houston, TX

Take Entrance 1 off of Calhoun Blvd. As you enter
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UH Hilton or further down that street for \$5/day.

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