

## Brain Injury Awareness Month March 2009

It's March. That means it's Brain Injury Awareness Month — a yearly effort to raise awareness about the progress and benefits of brain research. To help you make the most of the events this month, BrainLine has created a comprehensive list of what's happening across the country. On it you will find everything from the goings on at the Congressional Brain Injury Awareness Fair on Capitol Hill to the Walk and Roll-a-thon in North Carolina.

Also, take a look at our [Calendar](#), where you can always find monthly listings of events, conferences, and other goings-on in the TBI community. You can also submit your calendar items to us at [info@BrainLine.org](mailto:info@BrainLine.org).

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### **ARKANSAS**

#### **Walk for Thought**

##### **Brain Injury Association of Arkansas**

*An annual fundraising and public awareness event, the Walk for Thought is a celebration of life, hope, and healing.*

March 28

Little Rock, AK

<http://www.brainassociation.org/calendar.htm>

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Walk for Thought**

##### **California Brain Injury Association**

*Our Vision: A world where all preventable brain injuries are prevented, all unpreventable brain injuries are minimized, and all individuals who have experienced brain injury maximize their quality of life.*

March 14

Bakersfield, Sacramento San Diego, San Francisco, CA

<http://www.calbia.org/>

#### **Walk 4 Thought**

##### **Brainstorming4Us TBI Support Group**

*Through your participation in this walk, you can help us provide support to individuals and families living with brain injury.*

March 28

Victorville, CA

<http://www.brainstorming4us.com/>

## IOWA

### **Annual BIA-Iowa Conference**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Iowa**

*Join professionals from around the Midwest for the 17th annual 'Best Practices in Brain Injury Service Delivery' Providers Conference.*

March 5-6

Des Moines, IA

<http://biaia.wildapricot.org/Default.aspx?pageId=198807>

## INDIANA

### **Caregiver Conference**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Indiana**

*Attend this conference designed to educate, inspire, and reward primary caregivers of individuals with severe brain injuries.*

March 21

Indianapolis, IN

<http://www.biausa.org/Indiana/calendar.htm>

## KANSAS

### **BIAKS Annual Conference**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City**

*The Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City is pleased to present its first annual comprehensive conference for professionals working with those who have experienced brain injury.*

March 26-27

Overland Park, KS

<http://www.biaks.org/education.htm>

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **BIA-MA State House Exhibit: "Brain Injury X-Posed"**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts**

*This is a unique exhibit of photographs and corresponding narratives by people with brain injury, representing their lives, points of view, and experiences.*

March 9-13

Boston, MA

<http://www.biama.org/whatdoes/statehouse.html>

### **Twenty-Eighth Annual Brain Injury Conference**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts**

*This conference will provide information about how people with brain injury can maximize their potential and live life to the fullest.*

March 19

Marlborough, MA

<http://www.biama.org/whatdoes/annualconf.html>

## NEVADA

### **Brain Injury Conference Contemporary Forums**

*This conference aims to combine the drive to put evidence-based protocols into place with new discoveries in technology and research in brain injury.*

March 4-7

Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.contemporaryforums.com/m412309/bene.asp>

## NORTH CAROLINA

### **Walking and Rollin' and Joggin' 4 Your Noggin' 5K Run Brain Injury Association of North Carolina**

*Help raise awareness, show support to those affected by brain injury, and raise funds for the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina.*

March 21

NC - statewide

<http://www.bianc.net/Walk%202009.htm>

## OREGON

### **Eighteenth Annual NORA Multi-Disciplinary Conference Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, International, Inc.**

*This year's annual NORA Multi-Disciplinary Conference, "Neuro-Rehabilitation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," will focus on demonstrating the importance of neuro-optometry and its role in effectively collaborating with the rehabilitation team in improving patient outcomes.*

March 12-15

Portland, OR

[http://nora.cc/x/2009\\_NORA\\_Annual\\_Meeting.pdf](http://nora.cc/x/2009_NORA_Annual_Meeting.pdf)

### **Seventh Annual Pacific Northwest Brain Injury Conference Brain Injury Association of Oregon**

*This conference will provide an overview of TBI, definition, causes, consequences, and behavioral strategies to ensure that service providers understand the range of outcomes of traumatic brain injury and the implications for assessment and care-planning.*

March 6-7

Portland, OR

<http://www.biaoregon.org/>

## RHODE ISLAND

### **Eighth Annual Brain Injury Conference Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island**

*The goal of the conference will be to increase and enhance the knowledge that caregivers need to maintain their own health and well-being while caring for their loved ones.*

March 24

Warwick, RI

<http://65.242.98.185/RI/calendar.htm>

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Second Annual 5K 'Run For Thought'**

#### **Brain Injury Association of South Carolina**

*The fundraising event's proceeds support our mission to promote brain injury prevention, research, education, and advocacy.*

March 14

Greenville, SC

<http://www.biausa.org/SC/events.htm>

## **TEXAS**

### **Collaborative Practices Summit**

#### **Case Management Society of America**

*This summit aims to present leading-edge models to explore benchmarks for measurement and provide collaborative opportunities to meet and learn from healthcare and business leaders developing and piloting Collaborative Practice Programs.*

March 3-5

San Antonio, TX

<http://www.cmsa.org/CPS2009/tabid/78/Default.aspx>

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Twentieth Annual TN Statewide Brain Injury Conference**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Tennessee and the TN Department of Health TBI Program**

*This year's annual conference includes sessions ranging from "A Survivor's Success Story" to "Supporting Students with TBI."*

March 20

Madison, TN

<http://www.braininjurytn.org/>

## **VIRGINIA**

### **BIAV Eighth Annual Conference**

#### **BIA of Virginia**

*This year's annual BIAV Conference, "Opening Doors: New Answers for a New Era" includes sessions ranging from "Dating and Relationships Following TBI" to "Wills and Special Needs Trusts."*

March 7

Richmond, VA

<http://www.biav.net/annualconference.html>

## **WASHINGTON, DC**

### **Brain Injury Awareness Week at the Museum**

#### **National Museum of Health and Medicine**

*The Museum hosts our 'Partners in Education' who engage visiting students (grades 5-8) with hands-on stations, with a focus on brain anatomy and topics related to neuroscience.*

March 16-20

Washington, DC

[http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/events/brain\\_awareness\\_09.html](http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/events/brain_awareness_09.html)

## **Congressional Brain Injury Awareness Day**

### **Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, Brain Injury Association of America**

*To celebrate March as Brain Injury Awareness Month, the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force is hosting a '2008 Brain Injury Awareness Day' on Capitol Hill.*

March 12

Washington, DC

<http://www.biausa.org/media.htm>

## **First International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity, and TBI Rehabilitation**

### **Virginia Commonwealth University, BIS, NIDRR, IBIA, Henry M. Kessler Foundation**

*This first-ever conference brings together brain injury rehabilitation experts from different countries and cultures to discuss and share ideas regarding effective assessment, intervention, and research practices.*

March 12-13

Washington, DC

<http://www.cerse.vcu.edu/training/details.cfm?id=3>

## **WYOMING**

### **Wyoming Brain Injury Conference 2009**

#### **Brain Injury Association of Wyoming and Wyoming Life Resource Center**

*This year's annual conference, "Brain Injury: From Front Line to Bottom Line," includes sessions ranging from "Brain Injury and Employment" to "Behavioral Strategies."*

March 25-27

Lander, WY

<http://www.biausa.org/Wyoming/news.htm>

## **NATIONWIDE/INTERNATIONAL**

### **Brain Injury Awareness Week**

#### **DANA Alliance for Brain Initiatives**

*Brain Awareness Week unites the efforts of universities, hospitals, patient advocacy groups, government agencies, service organizations, professional groups, and K-12 schools around the world in an annual activities-based celebration of the brain.*

March 16-22

International

<http://brainweek.dana.org/>