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# **Texas Brain Injury Programs**

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**Office of Acquired Brain Injury (OABI)  
Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services  
(CRS)**

# Awareness and Education Activities



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## In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month in March

- Bridging Silos: Connecting Systems of Care with a Person-Centered Approach
- Webinar Series-Every Wednesday in March from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Conference- March 25-26, 2021

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## Webinar Series

- March 3: Introduction of Person-Centered Thinking Principles and Brain Injury
- March 10: Co-occurring Disorders: Substance Use and Brain Injury
- March 17: Brain Injury among the Veteran Population
- March 24: Correlations with Domestic Violence and Brain Injury
- March 31: Bridging the Silos - National and State Initiatives

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## Conference

March 25, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease
- Brain Injury and Health Disparities/Racial Equity
- Brain Injury and Vocational Rehabilitation

March 26, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Brain Injury: Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- Mental Health and Emotional Needs Following a Brain Injury
- Acquired Brain Injuries-Educational Needs for Students

# TBIAC Position Vacancies



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- The program is working with the Advisory Committee Coordination Office on next steps for posting and selecting candidates to serve on the Council.

# Person-Centered Planning Initiative



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National Center of Advancing Person  
Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS)

- Updated the CRS assessment and plan
- Reviewed Texas Brain Injury Resource Guide to ensure person-centered language
- Three staff selected to become Person-Centered Planning trainers
- Development of brain injury stories to be included in the trainings

# Person-Centered Planning Initiative



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- Staff attended webinar- Doing With, Not Doing For: What it takes to facilitate Person-Centered Planning
- Peer Support Sub-committee working on developing a matrix of peer support models in Texas
- Discussions as to how providers can engage in becoming more person-centered



# Staff Vacancy



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- The new Brain Injury Program Liaison has been selected
- Blake Agee will start on February 1, 2021
- Mr. Agee is a Licensed Clinical Associate with extensive knowledge and experience working in brain injury services for the past 9 years.
- Mr. Agee will assume the role of the liaison for the Council



# NASHIA Update



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## National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA)

- NASHIA assists state government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the need of individuals with brain injury and their families.
- Support states, grow leaders and connect partners
- Provides education, awareness, resources, publications, access to a national network of leaders, and professional development through online trainings and annual conferences

# NASHIA Update



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- Christine Medeiros- selected as Secretary on the NASHIA Board of Directors
- HHS staff will participate on the 2021 SOS Conference Planning Committee
- Exploring opportunities to partner on implementation of Person-Centered Planning and Peer Support Services
- Updating information about Texas on the NASHIA website



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# Thank you

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