



## Overview of Brain Injury and Behavioral Health

### **Event Topic**

[Brain Injury](#)

### **Date / Time**

Wed, Apr 12, 2023  
11:00am - 12:00pm

### **Location**

Virtual

## **Description**

Having 1 or more brain injuries with loss of consciousness is associated with greater risk of BH problems, including problematic substance use beginning in adolescents, more psychiatric symptoms, and a significantly elevated risk of suicide. (TBI and Substance Use Disorders, 2021, attcnetwork.org). Not only does brain injury cause behavioral health problems, but associated challenges can also affect the effectiveness of behavioral health treatments. Identifying and supporting those with brain Injury can lead to more successful outcomes. (SAMSHA Publication NO. PEP21-05-03-001, 2021). Join us for a discussion of brain injury basics, behavioral health challenges, connections between the two, and resources for better intervention.

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## **Objectives**

- Learn about brain injury incidence, causes and types as well as associated emotional, social and cognitive implications associated with brain injury
  - Discuss the overlap of brain injury, behavioral health, and associated challenges, and how brain injury-informed practice can lead to better outcomes
  - Review available community resources and informational materials for dissemination and best practice
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**Presenter(s)**

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Maria Crowley, MA, CRC, is the Director of Professional Development for the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA), planning and coordinating programs to enhance the knowledge and skills of the brain injury community, focusing on state government needs. She also serves as a primary consultant for the TBI Technical Assistance and Resource Center, funded by the Administration for Community Living, supporting State TBI grantees and other stakeholders. She has worked in the disabilities field with state government for 30 years, and specifically in brain injury since 2000, to help individuals in home, community, and employment. Maria was the State Head Injury Program Director for the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), designated lead agency in Alabama for traumatic brain injury (TBI) services, for 14 years. Specific to TBI, she has led a number of initiatives and provided technical assistance related to behavioral health, advocacy, concussion management, intimate partner violence, employment, state infrastructure, service coordination, and trauma/surveillance registries. Maria has worked with private sector business, state government, nonprofits and partner organizations.

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