

2025 Mind Matters Conference

March 20-21

Thursday, March 20	
(Central) 8:30 – 9:30 am	Welcome, Rebecca Quinn Invisible Impact: Domestic Violence and Brain Injury Rachel Ramirez, MA, MSW, LISW-S, RA
9:30 – 9:50 am	Snack Break and Exhibits
9:50 – 10:50 am	Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury: Strangulation, Concussions and Trauma Rachel Ramirez, MA, MSW, LISW-S, RA
10:50 – 11:10 am	Exhibits
11:10 am – 12:10 pm	North Dakota Interpersonal Violence Advocacy Panel Facilitated by: Kayla Jones, DV Program Coordinator for North Dakota Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition
12:10 – 1:10 pm	Lunch
1:10 – 2:10 pm	Embracing Authenticity and Emotional Wellness in Brain Injury Recovery Edna White
2:10 – 2:30 pm	Exhibits
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Telehealth Guided Exercise as an Achievable Way to Improve Brain Injury Rehabilitation Outcomes in Rural and Resource Poor Settings Jenessa Lemon, DO and Joshua Blotter, MD
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Snack Break and Exhibits
3:50 – 4:30 pm	Impact of TBI on the Military Family: Resources for Service Members and Veterans Shannon Glinski



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Friday, March 21	
(Central) 8:30 – 9:45 am	Welcome, Rebecca Quinn Family Affair: Brain Injury Affects More Than the Survivor Kelly Lang, BA
9:45 – 10:05 am	Snack Break and Exhibits
10:05 – 11:05 am	Brain Injury as a Chronic Condition Nan Kennelly, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST
11:05 – 11:25 am	Exhibits
11:25 am – 12:25 pm	Executive Functions and the Unspoken Factors Heidi Fiskness, MS CCC-SLP, CBIS; Nan Kennelly, MS CCC-SLP, CBIST; and Megan Dooley, OTD, OTR/L, LSVT, CLIPP, CBIS, Skills2Care
12:25 – 1:25 pm	Lunch
1:25 – 2:25 pm	Executive Functioning Panel Facilitated by: Heidi Fiskness, MS CCC-SLP, CBIS; Nan Kennelly, MS CCC-SLP, CBIST; and Megan Dooley, OTD, OTR/L, LSVT, CLIPP, CBIS, Skills2Care
2:25 – 2:45 pm	Exhibits
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Update on the North Dakota Brain Injury State Plan Rebecca Quinn, MSW, LCSW, CBIST
3:45 – 4:05 pm	Snack Break and Exhibits
4:05 – 4:35 pm	Brain Injury Survivor Opportunity Network (BISON) Shannan Stanke, BS
4:35 – 4:45 pm	Conference Wrap Up Awards/Recognitions/Drawings for Prizes/Evaluations Rebecca Quinn, MSW, LMSW, CBIST