

2025 Mind Matters Conference

March 20-21

Baymont Inn & Suites, 2611 Old Red Trail, Mandan, ND

Thursday, March 20	
(Central) 8:30 – 9:30 am Pier 7 Ballroom	Welcome , Rebecca Quinn Invisible Impact: Domestic Violence and Brain Injury Rachel Ramirez, MA, MSW, LISW-S, RA
9:30 – 9:50 am The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
9:50 – 10:50 am Pier 7 Ballroom	Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury: Strangulation, Concussions and Trauma Rachel Ramirez, MA, MSW, LISW-S, RA
10:50 – 11:10 am The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
11:10 am – 12:10 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	North Dakota Interpersonal Violence Advocacy Panel Facilitated by: Kayla Jones, North Dakota Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition Panel Members: Tara Bjornson, MA; Barbara Huewe, LBSW; Heather Ingman; Courtney Monroe-Ryckman
12:10 – 1:10 pm The Fleet Ballroom	Lunch
1:10 – 2:10 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	Embracing Authenticity and Emotional Wellness in Brain Injury Recovery Edna White, BS, CLC
2:10 – 2:30 pm The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
2:30 – 3:30 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	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 The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
3:50 – 4:30 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	The Ripple Effect: Brain Injury and Relationships Gail Nelson, MEd, LPC

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Friday, March 21	
(Central) 8:30 – 9:45 am Pier 7 Ballroom	Welcome , Rebecca Quinn Family Affair: Brain Injury Affects More Than the Survivor Kelly Lang, BA
9:45 – 10:05 am The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
10:05 – 11:05 am Pier 7 Ballroom	Brain Injury as a Chronic Condition Nan Kennelly, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST
11:05 – 11:25 am The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
11:25 am – 12:25 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	Executive Functions and the Unspoken Truths 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 The Fleet Ballroom	Lunch
1:25 – 2:25 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	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 Panel Members: Marc Jurek, Melissa Hoffman, and Dr. Kathryn Eagle-Williams
2:25 – 2:45 pm The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
2:45 – 3:45 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	Update on the North Dakota Brain Injury State Plan Rebecca Quinn, MSW, LCSW, CBIST
3:45 – 4:05 pm The Fleet Ballroom	Exhibits
4:05 – 4:35 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	Brain Injury Survivor Opportunity Network (BISON) Shannan Stanke, BS
4:35 – 4:45 pm Pier 7 Ballroom	Conference Wrap Up Awards/Recognitions/Drawings for Prizes/Evaluations Rebecca Quinn, MSW, LMSW, CBIST