## MAKING CONNECTIONS

## 4TH ANNUAL PEDIATRIC BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE

**OCTOBER 24, 2020** 



Thank you for registering for our 2020 conference! Presentations will be available on 10/24 at 9:00 am.

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### Welcome

We are so excited that you have registered for our 4th Annual Team Luke Hope for Minds Conference for parents/caregivers of children with a brain injury. This year the conference is all virtual and consist of presentations from professionals on many different relevant topics. There is also information on vendors and nonprofits that would love to help your family.

Our hope is that through listening to the Making Connections presentations, families will more equipped to be a better advocate for their child.

Thank you to our presenters and sponsors for partnering with us to make this conference a success!

If you have questions during the conference, please email ronda@teamlukehopeforminds.org or call 512-845-1466.

Sincerely, Tim Siegel & Ronda Johnson Team Luke Hope for Minds

## Thank you!

We are so thankful to all our presenters for taking time to prepare their presentations and record their sessions!

The presentations are listed in alphabetical order by the title of the presentation in this program and under the events tab at www.teamlukehopeforminds.org. The presenter's page on the website also includes a short description of the presentation, his/her bio and his/her contact information. The videos will be added to the pages by 9:00 am on 10/24 and will remain on the website for one year. Please take the time to fill out the surveys after each presentation.

#### **'3-Systems' Brain Injury Physical Therapy**

Jonathan Parr, PT, CSCS, CBIS, EP

#### **ABA & Managing Challenging Behavior**

Brittany Garza, M.Ed., RBT & Marissa Weiler, M.S., RBT

#### **Acupuncture for Brain Health**

Dr. Daniel Finley

#### **Brain Injury and Treating the Whole Child**

Robert J. Doman Jr.

#### Compassionate Use Program - Medical Cannabis in Texas

Christina Burke

#### **Concussion in the Pediatric Population**

Kate Labiner, M.D.

## Did I Train for This? A Neurologist Blind-sided by his Son's Traumatic Brain Injury

Michael Reardon, M.D.

#### **Disruption & Dysregulation**

Stacey Gesinger, M.A., LMFT

#### Forget the "New Normal": An Introduction To Empowered Neuro-Rehabilitation

Cavin Balaster

#### **Guardianship - From Start to Finish**

**Attorney Boyd Handley** 

## Harch HBOT for Pediatric Brain Injury, Why Precision Dosing Protocols Are Imperative

Paul G. Harch, M.D.

#### Harnessing the Power of Neuroplasticity to Restore Physical Function

**Garrett Salpeter** 

#### How Canine Companions Assistance Dogs Can Help Children with Brain Injuries

Kate Incremona

## How To Feed A Brain Nutrition for Optimal Brain Function and Repair

Cavin Balaster

#### **Intensive Model of Therapy**

Emily Norlock PT, DPT

#### **Laser Therapy in Functional Neurology Setting**

Dr. Brandon Crawford

#### Managing Challenging Behaviors in Crisis and Calm

Richard O. Temple, Ph. D.

#### **Medicaid Waivers - Texas**

Elizabeth Tucker

#### Mindfulness and Meditation

Bianca Bentzin, LMFT-Associate

#### **Music Therapy and TBI**

Grace Gomez, MT-BC, NMT

#### **Orthopedics and the Injured Brain**

Dr. John Roaten

#### **Pyramid of Neuro-Rehabilitation**

Emily Kalambaheti, DC, DACNB, FACFN

#### **Rehabilitation: The Long Road to Recovery**

Kristen Taylor, DO

#### **Returning to School After Brain Injury**

M. Cullen Gibbs, PhD

#### **Spasticity Management: A Physiatrist's Perspective**

Dr. Patrick Spicer

## **Special Needs Planning - Key Steps to Achieving Financial Success**

**Allison Schaberg** 

#### **Speech Generating Devices and TBI's**

Kirstin White, B.S.-SLP

#### Spero Rehabs Fundamental Focus on Recovery to Foster True Functional Independence

Brooke Aarvig, OTR/L, CBIS

#### **Stem Cell Therapy for Neurologic Injury**

Vassily T. Eliopoulos, M.D.

#### **Testing and Supporting Nutrients for the Brain**

Pam Machemehl Helmly

#### The Blueprint for Brain Recovery

Dr. Brandon Crawford

The Effect of MNRI Reflex Neuromodulation Program on Neurosensorimotor Improvement in Individuals with Diagnosed TBI Compared with Results of QEEG Brain Mapping and Neurotransmitters Analysis

Andrey Boldyrev

#### The Well Oiled Brain

**Beverly Boytim** 

## **Tips for Launching Your Special Needs Teen into Adulthood** Allison Schaberg & Dr. Lindsay Asawa

#### **Transitioning Into Adulthood (Texas focused)**

Lindsay Heath, Ph.D., LSSP, CBIS & Bruce Bloom, M Ed, CRC, CAS, IPEC

## **Using the Power of Neuroplasticity to Help Heal the Brain** Dr. Ryan Cedermark, DC

#### **Vision & Brain Injury**

Dr. Briana Larson, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, FNORA

#### What is SSI and How do I get it?

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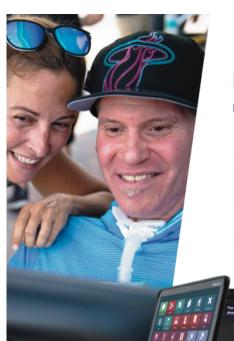


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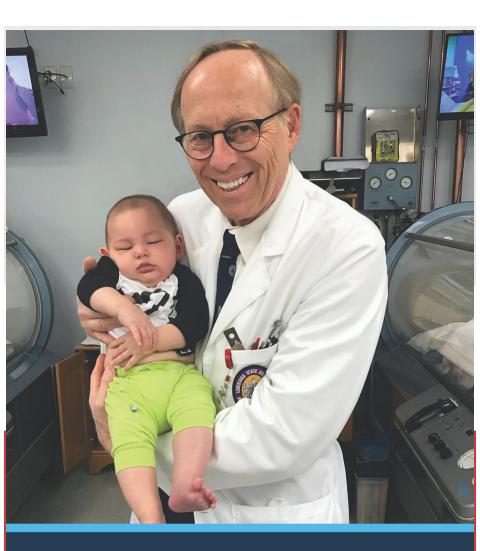
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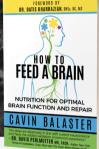
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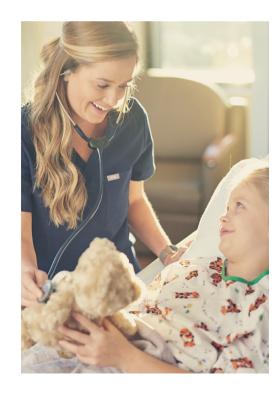
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