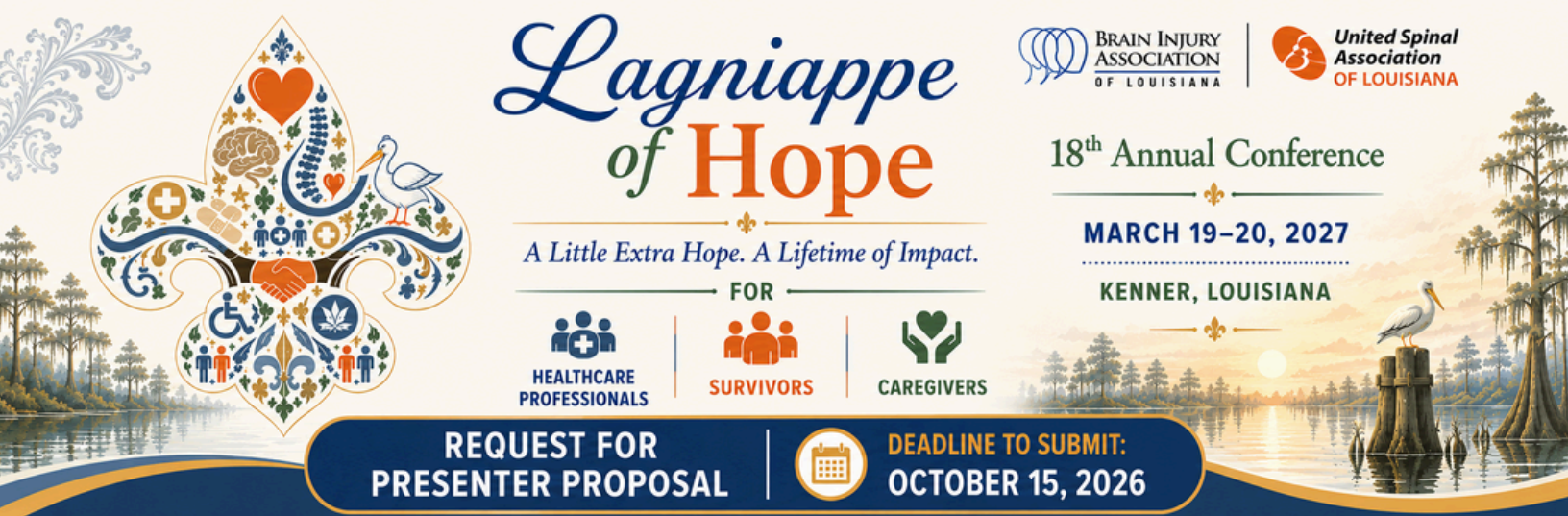




About the Conference

The Brain Injury Association of Louisiana/United Spinal Association of Louisiana (BIALA) is honored to host its 18th Annual Conference. Recognized for its dedication to serving individuals affected by brain and/or spinal cord injuries, BIALA continues its tradition of offering a comprehensive event tailored to survivors, caregivers, and professionals working in this dynamic and evolving field. This inclusive conference fosters meaningful networking, access to valuable resources, and opportunities to stay informed about the latest innovations in care, support, and services. The Annual Conference is a vital part of BIALA's ongoing mission to serve as Louisiana's leading resource for individuals impacted by brain and spinal cord injuries.

Presenting at the conference offers a meaningful way to share knowledge and contribute to the continued advancement of brain and spinal cord injury rehabilitation. Attendees often include professionals seeking continuing education (CE) credits, including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, social workers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, case managers, licensed professional counselors, certified brain injury specialists, assistive technology professionals, and a wide range of healthcare practitioners.

Presentation Guidelines & Details

- Presentation should focus on evidenced based new or innovative therapies for brain/spinal cord injury, best practices, strategies, practical applications, skill-building for practitioners, etc. Knowledge, strategies, and skills presented should be able to be applied immediately.
- Individual, group, or panel presentations may be submitted. Group or panel presentations that include professionals, persons living with brain injury and/or spinal cord injury, and caregivers are encouraged.
- Panels up to **FIVE** people may be considered however all panelists must commit by **January 1st, 2027**. Only **TWO** complementary registrations will be provided.
- Ideally presentations should encourage audience participation.
- Conference sessions can range in length from 60 - 120 minutes. This includes ten minutes at the end for audience questions and comments. All attempts will be made to accommodate length of time request but is not guaranteed.
- Presentations must be free of commercialism, promotion and advertising. No presentation should focus on specific products or services.
- Each speaker must submit a resume or CV, Bio, Title of Presentation, Brief Description of Presentation, three Measurable Learning Objectives/Outcomes and its Content Focus. Complete presentation proposals must be submitted to BIALA by **October 15th, 2026**.
- PowerPoint slides and/or handouts must be submitted by **3/01/27** via email to kim@biala.org
- In accordance with our conference policy, BIALA does not provide speaking fees, honoraria, discount on sponsorships, or travel expenses. We thank you in advance for contributing your time and expertise to brain and spinal cord injury education and supporting our mission. However, conference registration, CEUs, and lunch is complementary for up to **TWO** presenters per same session. More than two will pay regular registration fee if planning to attend the conference. Complementary registration is not transferable to another attendee.

Submitting the following proposal indicates your willingness and availability to present at BIALA's Annual Conference on March 19-20, 2027. Complete proposal is due by **October 15, 2026**. It is encouraged to submit as soon as possible as proposals will be reviewed as received and can be approved at that time. Please email completed proposal and all requested documents to Kimberly Hill, Executive Director at kim@biala.org. Please send email with questions or call 504-343-4592.

Request for Presentation Proposal
Primary Speaker - PLEASE complete ALL information below
Co-presenter(s) may omit any field with asterisk (*)
but please complete all other information.

Full Name/Credentials _____

Professional/Job Title (if applicable) _____

Name of Employer _____

Email Address _____

Best Contact Number With Area Code _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Have you had any articles published in peer reviewed journals within the last ten years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list: _____

***Title of Presentation:** _____

***Detailed Description of Presentation:**
(75 words or less)

***Presentation Goal:**

***Measurable Presentation Learning Outcomes:**

(Please share at least **THREE** significant and essential learning outcomes that attendees will achieve and can demonstrate after presentation. These outcomes **MUST** be measurable).

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

***Brief Content**

Focus/ Domain: _____

***This presentation is suggested for the following audience (s):**

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Clinical Professionals
- ☐ Program Staff/Direct Care providers
- ☐ Individuals living with brain injury and/or spinal cord injury
- ☐ Family/Caregivers
- ☐ ALL

Date Preference:

☐ Friday, March 19th

☐ Saturday, March 20th

Length of Session Preference:

☐ 60 Minutes

☐ 75 Minutes

☐ 90 Minutes

☐ 120 Minutes

(Time includes **10 minutes** for Q&A. All efforts will be made to honor preferences but not guaranteed).

Besides when presenting, do you plan to attend the conference?

☐ Yes

☐ Both Days

☐ Day of Presentation Only

☐ No

If attending the conference, will you need CEUs?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If **yes**, what discipline? _____

(Preapproved CEUs include PT, OT, SW, CRCC, CCMC, LPC, and ST /LBESPA. General certificates given for all other disciplines).

Will you be joining us for lunch?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, any dietary restrictions? _____

Resume or CV is attached to email: ☐ Yes

Short Bio is attached to email: ☐ Yes
(will be provided to conference attendees)

Authorization for Photo, Video, or Audio Recording of Presentation:

I grant permission to BIALA, its representatives, employees and volunteers the right to take photographs, video and/or audio recordings in connection with any educational presentation, and authorize BIALA, its assigns and transferees the right to use or publish same in print or electronically.

My name and date entered below is my approval for BIALA to use photographs/video/audio recordings of me (with or without my name) for any lawful purpose, including education, publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

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