2026 NC BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE
DAY 1 Agenda

DATE:
APRIL 13, 2026

PLACE:
The Lumina Resort on Wrightsville Beach, 1706 N. Lumina Ave, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, 28480

Time		Session Title	Speakers
7:00 AM	**4:30 PM**	Registration	
7:15 AM	**8:15 AM**	Breakfast	
8:15 AM	**9:15 AM**	**Keynote:** Traumedy: How I Turned My Brain Injury into a Punch Line	Mimi Hayes
9:15 AM	**9:45 AM**	Break	
9:45 AM	**10:45 AM**	Restoring the Narrative: Echoes of Guidance, Threads of Hope with Survivor-Led Insights for Trauma-Informed ABI Care	Samuel Kopp & Kay Reyna
9:45 AM	**10:45 AM**	"Rules of Engagement" in Brain Injury Rehab	Tom Brown
11:00 AM	**12:00 PM**	Behavior Analysis in Brain Injury Rehabilitation	Nina Deese, Shawn Stokes, & Jessica Glauser
11:00 AM	**12:00 PM**	Fight, Flight...or Frozen? Understanding Concussion Recovery Through the Autonomic Nervous System	Wesley Cole
12:00 PM	**12:30 PM**	Break	
12:30 PM	**1:30 PM**	**Lunch Session:** State of the States	Kelly Crosbie
1:30 PM	**2:00 PM**	Break	
2:00 PM	**3:00 PM**	Better Together: The Role of Co-Treatment Therapy Sessions in Brain Injury Recovery	Hayley Scanlan & Katharine Hoover
2:00 PM	**3:00 PM**	Beyond the Hospital: Applying High Intensity Movement Principles at home and in the community	Kara Noronha & Heather Smith
3:15 PM	**4:15 PM**	Bridging Gaps in Supervision: Tech Solutions to Decrease Caregiver Burden and Promote Independence After Brain Injury	Heather Smith & Kim Carver
3:15 PM	**4:15 PM**	Reinvesting the A.I. Dividend: Equipping Providers and Advocates to Champion Interdisciplinary Care in the AI Era	Daniel Fenton
4:30 PM	**5:45 PM**	Meet our Team	

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Time		Session Title	Speakers
7:30 AM	**3:00 PM**	Registration open	
8:00 AM	**9:00 AM**	Breakfast	
9:00 AM	**10:00 AM**	Recreating Recovery: Community-Based Recreational Therapy to Enhance Connection, Identity, and Participation After Brain Injury	Laura Holmes
9:00 AM	**10:00 AM**	Clearing the Fog: Visual-Vestibular Dysfunction Made Simple	Heidi Greata
10:15 AM	**11:15 AM**	Supporting Students with Pediatric Brain Injuries: School-Based Support of TBI in NC Schools	Ashlee Taylor & Lynn Makor
10:15 AM	**11:15 AM**	The early phase of recovery: programming for complex neuro patients in acute care	Carolyn Gregg
11:15 AM	**11:45 AM**	Break	
11:45 AM	**12:45 PM**	Survivor Session	
1:00 PM	**2:00 PM**	Lunch	
1:30 PM	**3:00 PM**	Sponsored Dessert Break	
3:00 PM		Conference ends	

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