

MAKING CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE AGENDA
November 4th & 5th

Friday, November 4th

- 1:00 – 1:30 Registration/Resource Fair
- 1:30 – 1:45 Welcome by Tim Siegel & Ronda Johnson
- 1:45 - 2:00 Resource Fair/Break
- 2:00 - 3:00 **Session 1 Breakout Groups**
-Stacey Gesinger, LMFT - *Marriage Matters*

-Kirstin White B.S SLPA - *Communication Devices and Acquired Brain Injuries*

-Dwan Newman, RD, LDN, CNSC - *Feeding your Body and Brain*
- 3:00 - 3:30 Resource Fair/Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 **Session 2 Breakout Groups**
-Dr. Karen Keough- *Medical Cannabis in an Acquired Brain Injury: Knowns and Unknowns*

-Dr. Jeri LaVigne- *Ready and Relaxed!*

-Elizabeth Tucker- *Texas Medicaid and Medicaid Waivers*
- 4:30 – 4:45 Resource Fair/ Break
- 4:45 – 5:45 **Session 3 Breakout Groups**
-Dr. Emily Gutierrez - *Neuro Nutrients After Brain Injury: A Parents Guide To How Supplementation Can Improve Quality Of Life*

-Sharolyn Ferrer- *Music Therapy: Therapy for the Groove of Life*

-Dr. Kalambaheti- *Pyramid of Neurodevelopment; Using the Senses for Rehabilitation: A Case Study*
- 5:45 Closing

Saturday, November 5th

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration/Resource Fair
- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Tim Siegel & Ronda Johnson
- 9:15 – 10:30 **Keynote Presentation** – Dr. Brandon Crawford & Dr. Ryan Cedermark- *The Research and Clinical Applications Behind Vagus Nerve Stimulation Through Laser and Electrical Therapy*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Resource Fair
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Session 4 Breakout Groups**
- Dr. Ryskowski- *Reaching Further: An Integrative Approach to Supporting Healthy Muscle Tone in Children with Neurological Conditions*

 - Dr. Maureen Nelson- *Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) Approach to Pediatric Brain Injury*

 - Jonathan Parr, PT & Shelby Foti, PT, DPT-*Alternative Exercise Methods to Improve Brain Neuroplasticity*
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Session 5 Breakout Groups**
- Dr. Conner Bor-*How to Activate a Developing Brain*

 - Kristin Hughes, OTR- *Treat Yourself!*

 - Dr. Michael Reardon - *How are we doing this, and how are we doing? Finding meaning, love, and even joy along the arduous path of caregiving*

 - Dr. Lori Wright - *Managing Challenging Behaviors*
- 2:00 - 2:15 Break/Resource Fair
- 2:15 - 3:15 **Keynote Presentation** – Dr. Paul Harch - *Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Pediatric Neurology*
- 3:15 - 3:30 Closing

