

# NASHIA SEED Summit Agenda



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## Tuesday, March 10, 2026: NASHIA

Time	Event	Location
7:30a-8:00a 8:00a-8:30a	<b>Breakfast Service</b> <b>Introductions, and Summit Overview</b> <i>Presenter: Rebecca Wolfkiel, MPP, Executive Director, NASHIA</i> <b>** Sponsor Highlight: Therap</b>	Commonwealth
8:30a-9:30a	<b>Topic 1: Brain Injury Data Sources: What Options Do We Have?</b> <i>Presenter: Jill Daugherty, PhD, Director of the Innovation Center, NASHIA</i> Gain a practical overview of brain injury surveillance, including the key data sources states currently use to estimate prevalence and incidence. The presentation will walk through healthcare, survey, registry, and mortality data - highlighting strengths, gaps, and how states combine sources in practice. Participants will also learn how states use data to inform programs, support funding decisions, and move toward more integrated data strategies.	
9:30a-9:45a	<b>Break</b>	
9:45a-10:45a	<b>Breakouts: NASHIA Staff</b> What data sources are you/can you be using to evaluate programs and influence funding and policy in your state?	
10:45a-11:00a	<b>Making an Impact: Zaida Ricker, Director, Strategic Partnerships &amp; Policy</b>	
11:00a-11:30a	<b>Feedback and Discussion</b>	
11:30a-12:00p	<b>Break</b>	
12:00p-1:00p	<b>Lunch and Topic 2: Overview of NASHIA's Innovation Center</b> <i>Presenter: Jill Daugherty, PhD, Director of the Innovation Center, NASHIA</i> Hear an overview of NASHIA's Innovation Center and its role in advancing effective, sustainable brain injury systems across states, focused on evidence-based practice. The session reviews the tenets of the Innovation Center's mission, goals, and priority areas of focus, with emphasis on strengthening state capacity through research-informed and practice-based solutions. Attendees will get to hear about several Innovation Center initiatives and opportunities to get involved.	
1:00p-1:15p	<b>Break</b>	
1:15p-2:15p	<b>Breakouts: NASHIA Staff</b> How can the Innovation Center advance the work in your state?	
2:15p-2:30p	<b>Break</b>	
2:30p-3:00p	<b>Feedback Discussion</b> <b>Next Steps and Adjourn</b>	
3:15p-5:15p	<b>Preparing for the Hill Session-BIAA</b>	Adams/Madison


## Wednesday, March 11, 2026: Capitol Hill Events, ACL Meeting

Time	Event	Location
7:30a-8:30a	<b>Grab and Go Breakfast (for Hill Day participants) &amp; Network Meeting with Colleagues</b>	Commonwealth Foyer
9:00a-5:00p	<b>SEED Skills Building and Hill Visits</b>	
10:30a	<b>Group Photo on Capitol Hill</b>	Capitol Steps

12:00p-1:00p	<b>ACL Meeting: Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion</b> (Please bring your own lunch to enjoy.)	Senate Capitol Visitors Ctr, Rm 201
3:00p-4:00p	Congressional Brain Injury Task Force Briefing: <b>The Hidden Intersection: Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury</b>	Cannon, Rm 390
5:00p-6:00p	<b>Launch Night Lecture:</b> Inspiring Innovation in Brain Injury Rehabilitation - Lighting the Path Forward <i>Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</i>	Madison
6:00p-7:00p	<b>The Connection Hour:</b> BIAA/NABIS/NASHIA Reception	Virginia Foyer

### Thursday, March 12, 2026: NABIS/NASHIA Combined Meeting

Time	Event	Location
7:30a-8:00a	“Connect and Collaborate” - NASHIA/NABIS Breakfast	Virginia Foyer
8:00a-9:00a	<b>Plenary: A Roadmap to Accelerate Traumatic Brain Injury Research into Clinical Best Practices</b> <i>Presenter: Geoff Manley, MD, San Francisco General Hospital</i>	Madison/Adams
9:00a-10:10a	<b>Interactive Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Session A</b>	Crystal Ballroom
10:10a-11:10a	<b>SEED Track Session 1: Brain Injury as a Chronic Condition</b> <i>Presenters: Flora Hammond, MD, Indiana University John D. Corrigan, PhD, The Ohio State University</i> Examine brain injury through the lens of a chronic condition, emphasizing the long-term, lifelong impacts on individuals, families, and state systems. Participants will explore the core components of the BeHealthy framework and how it supports coordinated, person-centered approaches to care, health promotion, and community integration. The session will translate this framework into practical implications for states, highlighting opportunities to align policies, programs, and cross-agency partnerships.	Commonwealth
11:15a-12:15p	<b>SEED Track Session 2: Supports for Healthy Living: Self-Management Strategies</b> <i>Presenter: Angelle Sander, PhD, TIRR Memorial Hermann</i> Discuss the importance of self-management for maintaining health following TBI and will report on the progress toward development of an electronic self-management tool (SELF-TBI) that is under development with extensive guidance from community partners. Attendees will explore newly developing cutting-edge strategies for empowering self-management in individuals with brain injury through accessible interventions and key takeaways for implementation of these interventions.	Commonwealth
12:15p-12:30p 12:30p-1:30p	<b>**Sponsor Highlight: Patty Byrnes and Elyssa Denton, PPL, LLC Lunch and Discussion/Implementation of Practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Maria Crowley, MA, NASHIA</i> What action steps can you take to improve outcomes for those living with chronic brain injury through programming, policy, partnerships, and funding?	Commonwealth 
1:30p-2:30p	<b>SEED Session 3: Behavioral Health and Brain Injury: Research to Practice</b> <i>Presenter: Eric Watson, PhD, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai</i> Explore the intersection of behavioral health and brain injury, highlighting how research findings can be translated into practical	Commonwealth

	<p>strategies for care and support. Participants will examine the prevalence and impact of behavioral health conditions—such as depression, anxiety, and substance use—among individuals with brain injury, and how these conditions influence recovery, independence, and quality of life. The session will also provide examples of evidence-based interventions and system-level approaches that integrate behavioral health into brain injury care, emphasizing best practices for assessment, treatment, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Participants will gain actionable insights to inform state programs, clinical services, and community supports that address the complex needs of this population.</p>	
2:35p-3:35p	<p><b>SEED Track Session 4: Living with Chronic Brain Injury: the Role of the Caregiver</b>  <i>Presenter: Cara Meixner, PhD, James Madison University</i>          Focus on the lived experiences of caregivers to individuals with brain injury, emphasizing caregiving as a role shaped by chronicity, uncertainty, and resilience. Participants will explore how caregivers—including spouses, parents, and children—simultaneously navigate their own identity development, ambiguous loss, and complicated grief while adapting to ongoing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral changes in the person they support. The session highlights the evolving responsibilities of caregivers, the impact of caregiving on health and well-being, and the importance of recognizing caregivers as essential partners in care. Participants will also explore strategies that promote caregiver joy and resilience, strengthen family-centered approaches, and improve coordination across systems.</p>	Commonwealth
3:35p-3:50p	<b>Break</b>	
3:50p-4:50p	<p><b>SEED Session 5: From Authority to Action: Person-Centered Self-Direction Approaches Lifelong Living</b>  <i>Presenters: Kirsten Capeless, GTI; NASHIA Staff</i>          Focus on the benefits of self-direction for people with brain injury, the advocacy strategies to ensure self-direction is explicitly included in Medicaid waivers and state plan options, and then on the design considerations needed to make it work for people with brain injury. Participants will explore how to effectively message self-direction to Medicaid agencies, legislators, and managed care organizations. The session will then turn to implementation, examining brain-injury-informed design elements. Presenters will address common pitfalls that prevent self-direction from functioning as intended and offer practical guidance to ensure programs are usable, sustainable, and equitable. Participants will leave with clear advocacy tools and implementation insights to help states move from permission to practice—and make self-direction a viable, scalable option for people with brain injury.</p>	Commonwealth  
4:50p-5:00p	<b>Next Steps/Adjourn</b>	Commonwealth

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