



**The Infant Development Association Statewide Conference 2019**  
September 13-14, 2019 • Holiday Inn San Jose-Silicon Valley  
**Developmental and Educational Issues and Strategies in  
the Birth-5 Population after Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)**  
**DATE:** Friday, September 13, 2019

This session will address the various types of traumatic and non-traumatic brain injuries children birth to 5 can acquire, and the impact they can have on their developmental trajectory. It will include guidelines for transition from medical treatment/rehabilitation to appropriate early intervention agency and educational services, recommendations for proper assessment and eligibility categories, and a review of effective strategies to implement when working with these children and their families.

The participants will be able to:

1. List the various forms of acquired brain injury and how they can impact the developmental trajectory of children birth to 5 in the areas of physical, adaptive, cognitive-communicative, academic, as well as social, emotional, and behavioral functioning.
2. Facilitate the appropriate transition of children with ABI from hospital/rehabilitation programs to appropriate agencies for early intervention (Regional Center/CCS), and to educational services, in a collaborative fashion.
3. Properly assess and identify (with a focus on proper eligibility), children with ABI birth to 5, to support the development of effective IFSP/IEP's and assure that applicable supports and services are provided.
4. Implement effective intervention strategies to address the unique needs of children with ABI.
5. Understand that ABI is a chronic disease that impacts the whole family and learn to work effectively with these families.

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