



Department of Health | Office of Mental Health
Office of Addiction Services and Supports

Brain Injury Grand Rounds

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The New York State Department of Health, the New York State Office of Mental Health, and the New York State Office of Addiction Support and Services are excited to announce **Brain Injury Grand Rounds**.

Join us for this free webinar training series designed to strengthen providers' skills in recognizing brain injury, delivering effective interventions, and engaging individuals with complex co-occurring needs.



Session 3 Brain Injury: Practical Strategies for Engagement

Presenters:

- **Karen Thomas, CBIST**, Senior Director of Programs, Brain Injury Association of New York State
- **Lottie Dunbar, MS, CCC-SLP**, Assistant Director, Brain Injury Services at Living Resources Corporation

Register now:



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This session examines barriers often preventing individuals with brain injury from fully engaging in behavioral health and addiction services. Practical strategies to improve access and participation will be provided, including communication techniques supporting clients with cognitive challenges. Learn approaches to reduce confusion and overwhelm by shaping environments, as well as ways to adapt therapy, groups, and case management so that care is genuinely informed by the needs of people living with brain injury.

All stakeholders are welcome! Continuing medical education and continuing education credits will be available for physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselors, and licensed mental health counselors.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Accreditation Requirements and Policies of the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) through the joint providership of the New York State Office of Mental Health's Bureau of Psychiatric Services & Research Institute Support and the New York State Department of Health. The Bureau of Psychiatric Services & Research Institute Support is accredited by MSSNY to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Bureau of Psychiatric Services & Research Institute Support designates this live activity for a maximum of **1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Bureau of Psychiatric Services & Research Institute Support relies upon planners and faculty participants to provide educational information that is objective and free of bias. In this spirit, and in accordance with the Bureau of Psychiatric Services & Research Institute Support & MSSNY guidelines, all speakers & planners must follow guidelines. They must disclose financial relationships with ineligible companies whose products, devices, or services may be discussed in the CME content or may be perceived as a real or apparent conflict of interest. Any discussion of investigational or unlabeled use of a product will be identified.

The planners and presenters for this educational activity do not have any financial relationships to disclose with ineligible companies whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing health care products used by or on patients.

This activity has been submitted to VTL Center for Professional Development for approval to award contact hours. VTL Center for Professional Development is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The State of New York Office of Mental Health (OMH) is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0227. Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSWs) and Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) who attend this class in its entirety will receive one contact hour toward renewal of their social work license.

OMH is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0122. Licensed Psychologists who attend this class in its entirety will receive 1 contact hour toward renewal of their license.

This course is approved for CASAC/CPP/CPS renewal clock hours.

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