

# IN-ABC

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants

*Sixth Annual Conference  
October 24-25, 2013*

## Conference at a Glance

This annual conference is the only conference in the state of Indiana with the sole focus on issues that have or may impact an individual with disabilities who displays maladaptive behaviors. Professionals in related fields, community partners, parents, and students are welcomed to gain the benefit of knowledge from the acclaimed presenters at this conference.

Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants (IN-ABC) is the primary trade association in the state of Indiana founded for professionals who provide behavioral supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. This non-profit association was founded in 2003 to formulate and maintain a unified voice and representation to state and federal agencies.

IN-ABC is an eclectic association and its membership includes individuals with degrees and training from a variety of human services specialties. We are very proud of the diversity represented. The majority of its members have master's or doctoral degrees in psychology, social work, behavior analysis or special education. As in the past, association membership is open to all, regardless of experience, degree, certification or licensure.

IN-ABC exists to serve the interests of its members and behavioral support providers within individuals' homes, communities, schools and treatment centers. Our commitment to the membership and our partners is to build a thriving profession based on best practice, effective standards, and ethical leadership.

If you are not already an IN-ABC member, we look forward to meeting and building a relationship with you. You are welcome to become a member at the time of registration and receive a discounted conference fee.

## Reserve Your Room

This year's conference will be held at the **Hilton Indianapolis Hotel - North**.

Reserve your room at a special rate by calling 317.849.6668, press option #2, and ask for a room in the "In-Asso Behavioral" block.

Rooms are available for the nights of October 23rd and 24th.



Thursday, October 24

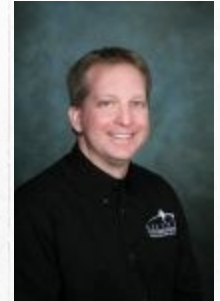
## Keynote Speaker: BrainWorks, Dr. Rochelle Manor and Dr. Michael Wolff

Dr. Manor is a neuropsychologist specializing in assessment from a holistic, developmental approach and in providing diagnostic clarification. She graduated from Ball State University's APA approved program in 1994 with a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, specializing in Neuropsychological Assessment and Marriage/Family Therapy. Since that time, she has specialized in developmental disabilities and helping families understand the unique aspects of their loved one. She is an expert in assessing children, adolescents, and adults with neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism spectrum disorders, acquired brain injury, mental health/behavioral issues, learning disabilities, and attention-deficit disorders. She also is available to conduct guardianship evaluations. In addition to clinical work, Dr. Manor serves as Director of Training at BRAINS, supervising emerging professionals. Finally, Dr. Manor has presented at local, regional, and national conferences, offered consultation to schools and



medical professionals, and provided educational seminars to parent and community groups.

Dr. Michael Wolff is a neuropsychologist with interest in the areas of pediatrics and adolescents, medical illness and recovery, and adult psychological and neuropsychological evaluations especially when developmental injury, genetics, and medical matters are involved. He is also available for mental health and behavioral issues consultation, guardianship evaluations, Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE's), and Independent Medical Evaluations (IME's). He received his doctorate from Azusa Pacific University and is the Co-Owner, along with Dr. Manor, of BRAINS.



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## Friday, October 25 Featured Presenters

### Dr. Jane Yip

Dr. Jane Yip will be presenting **“Sensory Experience and Toilet Training”** and **“Neurocircuitry and Autism”** and **“Brain Mapping.”** Dr. Yip connects traditional ABA therapy to state of the art research in the neuroscience of autism. She is the clinical director of Autism Parent Care and coordinates ABA therapy for children with autism spectrum disorders.

### Carly Thompson, MT-BC, MS

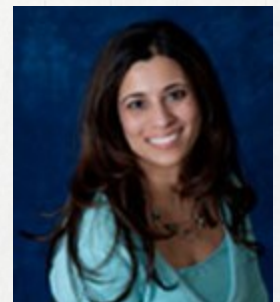
Carly Thompson will be presenting on **“Music and Behavior Therapy: In Tune toward Positive Outcomes.”** Carly is a Board Certified Music Therapist who currently resides in South Bend, Indiana. Originally from Georgia, she earned her Bachelor's in Music Therapy from Georgia College & State University and has a Master's of Science in Human Services from Capella University. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy in Multi-Disciplinary Human Services from Capella University. She works for Behavior Services & Therapy in South Bend and provides music therapy services to individuals with autism and Down Syndrome. Before coming to Indiana, she worked with a variety of populations as a music therapist, activity director, and counselor.

### Dr. Samantha Backhaus

Dr. Backhaus will be presenting **“Tips on Working with Couples after Brain Injury: From Theory to Strategy”** and **“The Brain Injury Coping Skills Group: A supportive group treatment to individuals and families after TBI.”**

Samantha L. Backhaus, Ph.D. is a Clinical Neuropsychologist at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana's comprehensive outpatient brain injury Neuro Rehab Center.

Her primary focus is working with adults who have acquired brain injuries, both providing neuropsychological assessments and formulating appropriate interdisciplinary treatment plans in assisting individuals reintegrate back to the community. Dr. Backhaus developed a 16-week treatment intervention, the Brain Injury Coping Skills Group (BICS) that won the 2009 McDowell Award for Best Presentation presented by the American Society for Neurorehabilitation. She has completed several RTCs with publication on studies investigating this treatment and won one of the Healthcare Heroes of the Year in her community in 2001 for her work in neurorehabilitation. Her primary interests include assisting individuals with brain injury to achieve better adaptation, social integration, perception of quality and satisfaction with life, and community and / or vocational reintegration on a long-term basis.





## Friday, October 25

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#### Dr. Oliver Wendt

Dr. Oliver Wendt will be presenting on **“Strategies in AAC.”** Dr. Wendt's major research interests are in Augmentative and Alternative

Communication (AAC) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Current research investigates the efficacy of AAC strategies including graphic symbols, manual signs, Picture Exchange



Communication System, and speech-generating devices for those individuals on the autism spectrum that present with little or no functional speech. The knowledge gained from these efficacy studies is used to promote evidence-based practice (EBP) in communication disorders and special education. Another strand of research focuses on the iconicity of graphic symbols, in particular multicultural and cross-linguistic aspects of graphic symbol acquisition. From a methodological perspective, Dr. Wendt specializes in single-subject experimental designs in addition to systematic reviews and meta-analyses of single-subject and group design data.

#### Dr. Jeffrey Kellams

Dr. Kellams will be presenting **“Best Practices in Prescribing Psychotropic Medications.”**



Dr. Kellams' psychiatry career has revolved around direct clinical care of patients, research, medical education, and psychiatric administration. He is currently the medical director of the Midtown Mental Health Center and chief of psychiatric services at Wishard Hospital.

#### Danya Thompson

Danya Thompson will present on **“Dementia and Alzheimer's.”** Ms. Thompson is an Alzheimer's Educator at IU Health Bloomington Hospital and provides supports and resource connections for families and individuals living with Alzheimer's or related dementia.

# Conference Schedule

## Thursday, October 24

IN-ABC Member Registration	8:30-9 a.m.
Membership Meeting	9-11:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Registration	12:30-1 p.m.
Keynote Speaker	1-4 p.m.

### \*CEU Breakdown:

Thursday:

Membership Meeting (1)

Keynote Speaker (3)

Friday:

Breakout Sessions (1.5 each)

Roundtable Discussion (.75)

## Friday, October 25

*\*You may choose one presentation from each breakout session.\**

### Breakout Session #1 (9-10:30 a.m.)

- Sensory Experience and Toilet Training, Dr. Jane Yip
- Tips on Working with Couples after Brain Injury: From Theory to Strategy, Dr. Samantha Backhaus
- Music and Behavior Therapy: In Tune towards Positive Outcomes, Carly Thompson

### Breakout Session #2 (10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.)

- Neurocircuitry and Autism, Dr. Jane Yip
- The Brain Injury Coping Skills Group: A supportive group treatment to individuals and families after TBI, Dr. Samantha Backhaus
- Strategies in AAC, Dr. Oliver Wendt

Lunch 12:15-1:15 p.m.

### Breakout Session #3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

- Brain Mapping, Dr. Jane Yip
- Best Practice in Prescribing Psychotropic Medications, Dr. Jeffrey Kellams
- Dementia and Alzheimer's, Danya Thompson

Roundtable Discussion with Presenters 3:15-4 p.m.

### \*Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Category 1 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have been granted to IN-ABC through the Health Professions' Bureau for Continuing Education by the Indiana Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Mental Health Counselor Board for: LSW, LCSW, and MHC.

The 2013 IN-ABC Conference program offers participants up to 9.25 CEUs. Licensees must judge the program's relevance to their professional practice and maintain their Certificate of Attendance.

# Registration for the Sixth Annual IN-ABC Conference

Please print form and complete. Print clearly and mail form and payment to: IN-ABC Conference c/o  
Susanne J Bauer, LLC, P.O. Box 272, Spencer, Indiana 47460.  
Early registration ends September 25. All registrations must be turned in by October 11.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Select your registration rate:

### *Early Registration Fee*

- IN-ABC member before Sept. 25, 2012 (\$175)  
 Non IN-ABC member before Sept. 25, 2012 (\$250)\*

### *Registration Fee*

- IN-ABC member by Oct. 11, 2012 (\$250)  
 Non In-ABC member by Oct. 11, 2012 (\$325)\*

## Select events you will be attending:

(See previous page for conference schedule)

- IN-ABC Membership Meeting  
 Keynote Speaker  
 Thursday, October 24  
(including lunch)\*  
 Friday, October 25  
(including lunch)\*

\*Meals are served buffet style. Vegetarian diets will be accommodated. Please be aware that other dietary needs are unable to be met at this time.

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\*Non-members can become members for \$100 and register for the conference at the member rate. Check here to indicate you wish to become a member and include the \$100 membership fee plus the conference registration fee with this form.

I wish to become an IN-ABC Member and have included payment for both membership and conference registration.

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All members need to sign-in at the registration table before the keynote speaker on Thursday.  
All others need to sign in between the keynote speaker and lunch.

Presentations Friday are on a first come, first serve basis until rooms reach maximum capacity. There is no pre-registration for presentations. However, in order to receive CEUs, you must sign in at each presentation you attend.