

# THE EXCHANGE

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## **5th Annual Brain Injury Conference May 13-14**

Trisha Meili's story of trauma and survival captivated the world after she was assaulted while jogging in New York's Central Park in 1989. She had gone for a run in the evening and was found hours later, near death, after being raped and brutally beaten.

For years she remained anonymous, known to the world as the Central Park Jogger. Fourteen years after the attack, she told her story of survival and recovery in her best-selling memoir, *I Am the Central Park Jogger: A Story of Hope and Possibility*. She has become a much sought after inspirational speaker and joins us to talk about hope and recovery at the 5th Annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference May 13-14 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City.

The conference, which is cosponsored by Community Transitions and the Mayo Clinic, is geared toward professionals, family members, and survivors of all different types of brain injury. There will be a professional track and a family/survivor track. For more information or a registration form, go to the Community Transitions web site, [www.brainrehab.org](http://www.brainrehab.org) or call (605) 718-8446 or (605) 343-7297.

Other presenters include: **Anne Moesner, RN, MSN, CRRN**, who is an Assistant Professor in the Mayo Clinic Department of Nursing and Project Coordinator for the TBI Model Systems.

**Michael P. Mozzoni, Ph.D./BCBA/CBIST** is the Director of Behavioral Services & Training for Lakeview Neuro-Rehabilitation Center in Effingham, New Hampshire. He is a board certified behavior analyst and certified brain injury specialist clinical trainer who has worked with persons with brain injuries since 1985.

**Steven Manlove, MD** is a psychiatrist in Rapid City and is certified by the American Board of Psychology and Neurology.

**Matthew Simmons, MD** is a neurologist at Black Hills Neurology in Rapid City, SD.

**Christopher Elia, Ph.D.** is the Founding Director and Staff Psychologist for Specialized Substance Use/Post Traumatic Stress Outpatient Program at the Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

**James Gardiner, Ph.D.**, is a Neuropsychologist at Community Transitions in Rapid City and had worked for over 20 years as the primary neuropsychologist at the Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Hospital.

**Ron Sasso, MS, NCC, LPC** is the Director of Community Transitions, one of the country's oldest community re-entry programs for people with brain injury.

**Annette Pearson, MS, LADC, CBIS** has 11 years experience working with people with cognitive disabilities and addiction.

**Justine Ashokar, MS, NCC, LPC** is a licensed professional counselor at Community Transitions in Rapid City.

**Leah Jester, BS** is a cognitive therapist at Community Transitions and has coordinated the cognitive therapy for people with all types of brain injury.

## **Aging in people with disabilities**

Black Hills Workshop is hosting a series of teleconferences on Aging in Individuals with Disabilities. Topics include: April 28 Age-Related Physical & Cognitive changes, May 12: Technologies Enhance Independence, May 26: Supporting Families in Making Future Plans, June 9: End of Life Care, June 23: Dementia Care for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. All teleconferences will be held in our training room, 3650 Range Road, from 1-3 p.m.

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**Kathie Snow**

**9:00-4:00**

**Saturday, May 15**

**Black Hills Workshop Admin. Building**

**3650 Range Road**

**Registration begins at 8:30**

**Lunch on site**

**Cost for the presentation is \$10.00**

**To pre-register call 341-0151**

**and leave a message or**

**e-mail [upsodownskathiesnow@gmail.com](mailto:upsodownskathiesnow@gmail.com)**

**Special Olympics events**

**April 23: Black Hills Regional Track & Field Meet,**  
Black Hills State University, Spearfish.

**May 20-22: State Track & Field, Sioux Falls.**

**For information on any of these events, contact Bill  
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