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Upcoming Events

IARP 2010 Forensic Conference – Rising to the Challenge
New Orleans, LA
Nov. 4-6

IARP Webinar Series - Self Awareness Deficits in Brain Injury: Impact on Life Care Planning
Dec. 8

IARP CM/DM Conference – Creating a Culture of Care
Scottsdale, AZ
Feb. 10-12

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IARP Continues Rollout of Online Member Services and Benefits

Over the last few months, IARP has continued its rollout of new online services for members. Starting in April, IARP introduced IARP Connect, the association's online collaboration area, which 650 members have joined to date. If not signed up yet, then [download IARP Connect QuickStart Guide](#) to learn how.

At the same time, IARP also introduced the ability for members and non-members to register and pay for IARP webinars using an online purchasing process. Now more than 80 percent of all registrations are done online (vs. faxing or mailing a paper registration).

Then, in June, IARP introduced the ability for new members to join the organization using an online process. To date, more than 120 new members have used the application process.

This month, IARP is rolling out the ability for **members to renew their membership online**. See page 2 for complete details.

Not Too Late to Join Us at the 2010 Forensic Conference

While the conference is only days away, you can still join hundreds of your professional colleagues at what promises to be a fantastic Forensic Conference. [Exciting set of education opportunities](#). [Great location](#), food and fun for everyone. [Register online now](#). Come in a day early and participate in [Helping Hands of Rehabilitation New Orleans Day of Service](#).

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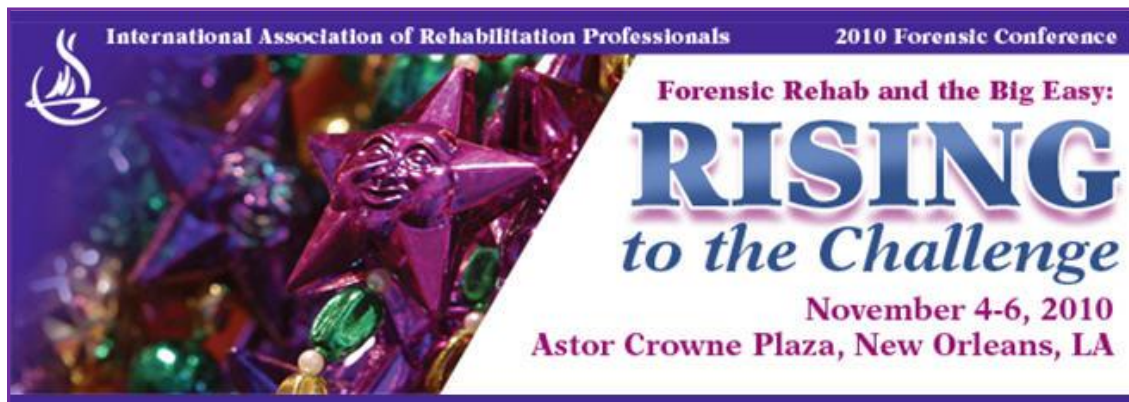
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IARP Members Among Winners of Dorland Health People Awards

The Dorland Health People Awards, given annually for excellence and dedication by health care professionals, were awarded earlier this October. Several IARP members were in the list of winners or honorable mentions.



Susan Riddick-Grisham wins Dorland Health People Award in Life Care Planning category.

IARP member Karen Preston received an Honorable Mention in the Life Care Planning category.

IARP member Mary Harris received an Honorable Mention in the Disability Manager category.

[Click here to see the complete list of winners.](#)

Save the Date

Remember, to mark your calendar for the 2011 CD/DM Conference! Building on the enthusiasm and excitement generated by this new conference in 2010, the 2011 IARP CM/DM Conference is guaranteed to advance a culture of care. [Please consider joining us.](#)

Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic eGroup:

- Critiquing another expert's work
- Misdemeanor/employability
- Below elbow amputation

SS-VE eGroup:

- Subpoena Duces Tecum

Life Care Planner eGroup:

- LCP implementation study

Coffee Talk eGroup:

- J. Steinbeck & CRC code of ethics

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Industry News

CRCC Announces Call to Action Regarding VA

Commission of Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) issued the following release on October 20:

ARCA/CORE/CRCC/NRCA

The issue:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued qualification standards formally recognizing certain licensed professional counselors as mental health specialists within the Veterans Health Administration. The standards are now available online.

Presently, the regulations require licensed professional counselors to have a master's degree in mental health counseling or a related field from a program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). According to the release, examples of related mental health counseling fields include, but are not limited to addiction counseling; community counseling; gerontology counseling; marital, couple, and family counseling; and marriage and family therapy.

Although this is a positive step forward for the counseling profession, and an important means of increasing the pool of mental health service providers available to meet the large unmet needs of our nation's veterans, the current standards exclude rehabilitation counselors who are also licensed professional counselors but who did not graduate from a CACREP-accredited counseling program. We believe strongly that this narrow definition is not in the best interest of VA consumers - particularly veterans with disabilities. [Click here to read entire Call to Action.](#)

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I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Gretchen Bakkenson, a case manager, forensic expert and life care planner with more than 15 years experience.

"I took the round-about approach. My Bachelor's was in Dietetics and then I pursued a Masters in Counseling with an emphasis in Student Personnel. I eventually became an Academic Advisor and then a JOBS support Specialist, but was not all together happy. I had a sister-in-law who was a Private Vocational Rehabilitation professional. She suggested I take a look at the profession. I was eventually hired by the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Once there, I felt like I fit. I was able to use my applied medical skills and career counseling at the same time. After 4 years with IDVR we moved to Arizona and I eventually went into Private Practice.

I believe all interests, relationships, past worker experiences and activities influence my work and vice versa. I scuba dive, and once the kids are grown and gone, I would like to get involved with organizations that assist with allowing individuals with disabilities experience the expansive world under the ocean surface."

[Read Gretchen's complete Profile](#)

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IARP Webinar Series

Self Awareness Deficits in Brain Injury: Impact on Life Care

December 8
9 am Pacific; 10 am Mountain; 11 am Central; 12 pm Eastern

Presenter

Brian Preston, MS CRC CLCP CBIS
Regional Director, Learning Services –
North Carolina Region



Learning Objectives

Participants will learn about the impact of lack of self-awareness or insight (anosognosia) that often occurs following a traumatic brain injury on life care planning development.

Participants will recognize how an impaired self-awareness can impact many aspects of life for a person with TBI: participation in therapy / rehabilitation efforts; independent living skills; money management skills; decision making and problem solving; vocational options/success; and ultimately safety in the community.

Participants will learn about a Self-Awareness Screening Inventory (SASI) and will be able to consider using this as part of their interview process. [Read more.](#)



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