

Canadian Assessment, Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Society

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Vocational Assessment of Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury

This workshop is designed for rehabilitation professionals who work with, or assess ABI clients.

Overview

Rehabilitation professionals use a variety of assessment techniques and services to help determine and predict realistic client employment outcomes. The foundation of accurate employment prediction relies on the collection of vocationally relevant information to determine the next step.

Community brain injury rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary process which utilizes the services of occupational therapy, speech therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, education, medicine, and vocational.

An acquired brain injury is defined as a major interruption of brain function occurring after birth. This can be caused by external physical force or trauma sustained in a motor vehicle accident, fall, assault, or may be due to other medical or environmental causes (e.g. stroke, aneurysm, tumour, encephalitis, etc.). Such injuries can result in observable physical disabilities. However, the profound effect on cognitive and social functioning may not be so readily apparent. Effects are often prolonged and affect the individual, the family, and the community.

During the presentation, Dr. Stoelting will discuss:

- How to design a meaningful vocational assessment of a person with brain injury
- Tests that are useful in assessing the vocational potential of persons with brain injuries
- Which measures to use, when not to use them, and how to interpret them
- Some of the potential mistakes or potholes to look out for in assessing brain injured persons
- How to read (make sense of) a psychological report or a neuropsychological report
- Experiential assessment or worksite assessment of brain injured clients

The Presenter

Dr. Curtis Stoelting, Ph.D., R.Psych,

Dr. Stoelting began his assessment career in 1983 as a vocational rehabilitation counsellor. He received his Baccalaureate and Master degrees in Psychology from the University of Ottawa, and his Doctorate in Rehabilitation from the University of Calgary. He is a former president of CAVEWAS and currently a Registered Psychologist. During his 20+ year career, he has been responsible for thousands of assessments.

Dr. Stoelting is the Program Manager of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre (BIRC). He is also field supervisor for graduate students in rehabilitation and psychology at the University of Calgary. Dr. Stoelting has published articles and presented at conferences in the area of vocational rehabilitation and brain injury. Dr. Stoelting is a member in good standing with the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) and he has been appointed as a member of the Examination Committee for CAP. Dr. Stoelting is a member of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, the Canadian Registry of Health Service Providers in Psychology, and the Psychologists' Association of Alberta.