

Conference Presentation Abstract

Title:

Financial Cost Recovery Strategies for Families Impacted by Acquired Brain Injury (ABI): Identifying Accessible Financial Supports for ABI Affected Families

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Summary:

The financial impacts for families facing ABI can be insurmountable. In addition to medical, psychological and social pressures that occur for families, the knowledge needed for accessible financial education and supports such as tax credit information and navigating governmental departments such as ODSP and the medical system is an area that challenges many families. This presentation provides conference attendees with eight useful tips to optimize access to vital financial support opportunities for families impacted by ABI. A checklist resource tool demystifies contingent, exacerbating stressors often associated with ABI, namely, family financial pressures.

The learning objectives of this presentation are:

- To review traditional issues associated with ABI: affective, behavioral, cognitive, medical, psychological and so on.
- To present the economic costs and financial burdens associated with ABI on impacted families in the GTA.
- To provide a range of financial remedies for families impacted by ABI that can help families navigate some of the financial burdens of ABI.
- To offer an eight point resource that can help demystify financial support remedies for families impacted by ABI and, subsequently, help ameliorate family stress.