

ABOUT THE CO-SPONSORING AGENCIES



Catholic Charities Vision Military program offers supports and services to veterans and military families through direct services and collaboration with local agencies throughout WNY. Current or former military members, veterans and their families can present a need at any community-based office of Catholic Charities. Services are tailored to meet the identified needs. In addition, Catholic Charities is a Network provider with NYServes Upstate. For more information, call 716.877.8822.

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Headway of WNY, an affiliate of People Inc., is a non-profit support and advocacy agency whose mission is to ensure that individuals in Western New York with brain injuries, other disabilities and seniors have access to advocacy, resources and support systems to enable them to live as independently as possible. Headway is the local Regional Resource Development Center/Single Point of Entry for the Department of Health's Nursing Home Transition (NHTD) Waiver and the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver. Headway is committed to providing services for veterans and their families, particularly those with traumatic brain injuries. For more information, call 716.408.3100.

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People Inc. provides programs and services to more than 12,500 people with special needs, their families and seniors throughout Western New York and Rochester. Since 1970, People Inc. has assisted individuals to achieve greater degrees of independence and productivity.

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Wednesday, June 14, 2017

8:15 am to 12 Noon

Center for Tomorrow, University at Buffalo, North Campus
101 Service Center Road, Amherst, NY



WELCOME TO THE 2ND ANNUAL VETERANS SYMPOSIUM

This symposium has been designed to encourage feedback and discussion about the signature injury of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars – blast induced TBI, and offer some professional insight into assessment, diagnoses and treatment options.

We are pleased to have the distinguished speakers with us today to offer their professional insight and knowledge. Our hope is to further these discussions and address current community needs.

SCHEDULE

8:15 – 8:45 am	Registration/check-in, Breakfast
8:45 – 9:45 am	Welcome, Ronald Fernandez Director, Headway of WNY, Inc. Introduction and Foundation of TBI and Blast Injury Break
10:00 – 10:50 am	Michael Santa Maria, PhD Neuropsychological assessments Break
11:00 – 11:50 am	Elisabeth Mann, LCSWR Counseling and Treatment Intervention
12 Noon	Evaluation/Adjournment

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU)

Two (2 hrs) Continuing Education Units (CEU) available for pre-registered Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC) and Social Workers (MSW). \$20 fee for CEU participants only, cash or checks payable to Catholic Charities.

PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Mr. Ronald Fernandez, RRDS, CRC, LMHC



Mr. Fernandez has worked 30 years as a counselor, assessor and teacher in Rehabilitation and Mental Health. He has presented on issues of Rehabilitation in New York State, New Jersey, Puerto Rico the Virgin Islands and Ontario, Canada. He currently is the Director of Headway of WNY which is the regional center for the Department of Health's Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program.

Michael Santa Maria, PhD Board-Certified Neuropsychologist (ABPP-CN)



Dr. Santa Maria, a native of Western New York, earned his PhD in clinical psychology at Louisiana State University. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology through the Department of Neurology, SUNY at Buffalo. Dr. Santa Maria received the Nelson Butters Award from the International Neuropsychological Society in 2002 for best research by a postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Santa Maria was the founding president of the New York State Association of Neuropsychology (NYSAN). He has published multiple peer-reviewed research articles and has published various book chapters. He is board-certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology/American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Santa Maria is an active member of professional organizations including: American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, International Neuropsychological Society, National Academy of Neuropsychology and New York State Association of Neuropsychology.

Elisabeth Mann, LCSWR



Ms. Mann is a psychiatric social worker at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) in the Department of Psychiatry where she works as a counselor. She has facilitated support groups for individuals with traumatic brain injury at Headway of WNY. In addition, Ms. Mann has presented multiple trainings on topics including "Crises Intervention," "Psychological First Aide," "Addressing Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury" and "Stress Management for the Trauma Services Provider."