

Targeting Teachers in Treating Traumatic Brain Injury in Children

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Dr. Deborah Little: Teachers are our number one target, teachers, school nurses, school administrators, that's who we want to target. Ninety nine percent of the services these children need and the rehabilitation they need, is going to occur in a school setting. That's the way things work in this country and that's the way it should be.

Teachers are, most of the time, more than willing to learn about this and want to learn about it. So there are programs that have been developed by some colleagues out in Oregon to provide wonderful online training for teachers to go in and in 25 minutes learn a bit about what brain injury is. And there are a number of resources of teachers who can go out and work with special educators to really understand what brain injury is and what it does.

There's actually a program out in California where they're actually incorporating brain injury into their special education teaching curriculum, which is one of the first in the nation to do this, which I think is because of kind of the growing awareness of what this problem is.