

Centre for Neuro Skills Biography

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Dr. Mark Ashley is founder and president/CEO of Centre for Neuro Skills (CNS), which has operated postacute brain injury rehabilitation programs in Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Dallas, and San Francisco since 1980. Dr. Ashley also established the CNS Clinical Research and Education Foundation, a non-profit research organization. His work has been published in many professional and research publications and he has written three books: *Working with Behavior Disorders: Strategies for Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation*, *Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation*, and *Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation, 3rd Edition* with the 4th Edition in preparation. He has published numerous research papers in peer-reviewed journals.



He serves on the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) and holds several positions in that organization, including: Chairman Emeritus, Chair of the Fund Development Committee, member of the Federal Legislative Advisory Committee and member of the Business and Professional Council. From 2005 to 2014, Dr. Ashley was a member of BIAA's Race2Safety Advisory Board. Dr. Ashley is also on the Advisory Panel of BIAA's project for the development of Guidelines for the Rehabilitation and Disease Management of Adults with Moderate to Severe Traumatic Brain Injury.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Brain Injury Association and is the Immediate Past Chair. He is a Past Chair of the Corporate Advisory Committee of the American Academy for Certification of Brain Injury Specialists and has served on the California Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council.

Dr. Ashley is an Adjunct Professor at the Rehabilitation Institute of the College of Education at Southern Illinois University. He is a past member of the Advisory Committee for the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology, and a member of the Advisory Board for the Applied Neuroscience and Neurobehavioral Research Center, University of Cyprus. He participated in preparation of Traumatic Brain Injury Medical Treatment Guidelines for the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and serves on several grant review committees.

Dr. Ashley received his Master's Degree in Speech Pathology and a Doctorate of Science from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. In 1995, he was named the university's Distinguished Alumni of the Year. He is an Adjunct Professor for the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences in the College of Education, specializing in brain injury and cognitive deficits. He is a licensed Speech/Language Pathologist in California and Texas and is a Certified Case Manager.

He is a member of many professional associations: the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association; the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine; the American Society of Neurorehabilitation; the American Academy for the Advancement of Science; the National Neurotrauma Society; the National Association for Independent Living; the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals; the National Rehabilitation Association; the National Rehabilitation Administration Association; the California Speech and Hearing Association; and the Texas Speech and Hearing Association.

"CNS is different from other rehabilitation facilities due to a combination of experience focusing on a specific population and our attention to detail in the implementation of services. I'm most proud of the impact we've had on people's lives and being able to see our patients transition from complete dependency to returning to work, home and family. It's very gratifying."

- Dr. Mark J. Ashley