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Brian R. King is a Best Selling Author, an engaging public speaker and ADHD Success Coach for parents and professionals impacted by ADHD etc.

He is a 27 year cancer survivor, adult with mild Asperger's, Dyslexia, ADHD and the father of three sons with ADHD and Asperger's. He also suffers from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. In spite of these challenges, Brian is one of the most positive people you will ever meet.

## VITAE Brian R. King

#### EDUCATION

LCSW, 2004 State of Illinois

Masters of Social Work (MSW) AURORA UNIVERSITY Aurora, IL (2002)

Certified Self-Esteem and Peak Performance Facilitator SELF-ESTEEM SEMINARS Santa Barbara, CA (2000)

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) AURORA UNIVERSITY Aurora, IL (1999)

### **RECENT EMPLOYMENT**

2005 - Present	<ul> <li>Brian R. King International</li> <li>Brian has worked with clients on the Autism Spectrum or living with ADHD as well as their families, teachers, professionals and the organizations in their lives.</li> <li>Brian provides: <ul> <li>Individual coaching for students and adults with ASD and ADHD</li> <li>Parent, couples and family coaching</li> <li>Teleseminars</li> <li>Keynotes, Workshops and seminars, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2005-2007</b> Hospice Social Worker VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, Matteson, IL	Brian worked with individuals, their friends and families as they prepared to say good-bye to a terminally ill loved one. He utilized psychosocial assessments, community resources and counseling to assist those in need of grief support, peace of mind and closure.
2002 - 2005 Hospice Social Worker <i>CNS Hospice, Carol</i> <i>Stream, IL</i>	Brian worked with individuals, their friends and families as they prepared to say good-bye to a terminally ill loved one. He utilized psychosocial assessments, community resources and counseling to assist those in need of grief support, peace of mind and closure.
2001 MSW Intern New Visions Counseling, Inc., Downers Grove, IL	Brian's primary responsibilities were to provide court mandated individual and group counseling services for clients who had been referred for various substance abuse related offenses.
<b>1999</b> BSW Intern <i>Aurora Police Dept</i> <i>and Mutual Ground,</i> <i>Inc.</i> Aurora, IL	Brian presented a Domestic Violence Prevention curriculum to various grade levels in the Aurora public school system. He was a member of various teams that revised several curriculums to make them more interactive and thus more student friendly.

# Volunteer:

**Public Education Committee Chairperson:** 1993 - 1995 American Cancer Society (West DuPage Unit) Brian developed an anti-tobacco, drug, and alcohol program for area grade school students on behalf of the ACS. He authored short plays with an anti-substance abuse theme. He then networked with a local high school, where he recruited a number of students to perform the various plays at local grade schools. The project was a great success.

Board Member: 2008 - GRASP

Advisory Board: 2006 Aspiritech

## Awards/Honors:

#### 2014

**Mentor:** Engaging Speakers (Communication & Community Building) **Pay It Forward Award** > Engaging Speakers (For service to his fellow members)

**Published:** King, LCSW, Brian R.. "Making Sense(ory) of the World." Autism Asperger's Digest Mar. 2014: 42-44. Print.

Panelist: Autism Society of America National Conference
Presenter: STARNET Illinois Region VI, Tinley Park, IL., April 2014
Presenter: Autism Society of IL PPNC (LaGrange Park, IL)
Presenter: U of Missouri (Teleclass)
Presenter: Good Shepard Center (Chicago Heights, IL)

#### 2013

**March Forth Award** > Keep On Keeping On Foundation (For Exemplifying the Spirit of Leadership. Determination, and Perseverance)

**Published:** King, LCSW, Brian R.. "How to Ask for Help." Autism Aspergers Digest RSS. Version 1. Future Horizons, Inc., n.d. Web. 28 July 2014. <a href="http://autismdigest.com/ask-for-help/">http://autismdigest.com/ask-for-help/</a>.

Presenter: Fundacion Itegrar (Medelin & Bogota, Colomia)
Presenter: The Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Autism Society of America (Longbeach, CA)
Presenter: Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Presenter: Blackhawk Tech College (Janesville, WI)

Presenter: CASE (Glendale Heights, IL) Presenter: Family Time Conference (Palos Hills, IL) Presenter: CHOICES (Evanston, IL) Presenter: College Internship Program (Niles, IL) Presenter: College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, IL) Presenter: DBR Chamber of Commerce (Deerfield, IL) Presenter: Hoffman School (Glenview, IL) Presenter: Attea Middle School [Keynote] (Glenview, IL) Presenter: Keep On Keeping On Foundation (Niles, IL) Presenter: Lakeshore Tech College (Cleveland, WI) Presenter: MHSA (Ellicott City, MD)

### 2012

Presenter: Autism Works Conference (St. Louis, MO) Presenter: UCCN (Woodridge, IL) Presenter: Little Friends (Naperville, IL) Presenter: Sacred Heart School (Fowler, IN) Presenter: Elgin School District U46 (Elgin, IL) Presenter: Special Olympics of IL (Downers Grove, IL) Presenter: WI-AHEAD (Wausau, WI) Presenter: Minot State University (Minot, ND) Presenter: Best Buddies Leadership Conference [Keynote] (Bloomington, IN) Presenter: Dominican University (River Forest, IL) Presenter: Friendship Circle of IL [Keynote] (Northbrook, IL) Presenter: Hoffman School (Glenview, IL) Presenter: Inova Keller Center (Fairfax, VA)

## 2011

Presenter: Autism Home Support Services (Schaumburg, IL) Presenter: SERG Group (Elmhurst, IL) Presenter: School District 303 (St. Charles, IL) Presenter: Autism Works Conference (St. Louis, MO) Presenter: SASED (Naperville, IL) Presenter: ANGEL, Inc. (Racine, WI) Presenter: Autism One (Rosemont, IL) Presenter: Gurrie Middle School (LaGrange, IL)

### 2010

**Published:** King, LCSW, Brian R. . "The "R" Word Revisited." Thinking Person's Guide to Autism: The "R" Word Revisited. Version 1. Thinking Person's Guide to

Autism: The "R" Word Revisited, 27 Oct. 2010. Web. 28 July 2014. <a href="http://www.thinkingautismguide.com/2010/10/r-word-revisited.html">http://www.thinkingautismguide.com/2010/10/r-word-revisited.html</a>.

Presenter: School Dist ESU3 (Omaha, NE) Presenter: SC Johnson Childcare Learning Center (Racine, WI) Presenter: ANGEL, Inc. (Racine, WI) Presenter: Orange AHRC (Campbell Hall, NY)

### 2009

Presenter: Clare Woods Academy (Bartlett, IL)
Presenter: Hinsdale Central High School (Hinsdale, IL)
Presenter: LaGrange School District 105
Presenter: National Louis University (Skokie, IL)
Presenter: Peotone Junior High School (Peotone, IL)
Presenter: SERG Group (Elmhurst, IL)

### 2008

**Presenter:** Harper College (Palatine, IL) **Presenter:** Sacred Heart School (Fowler, IN) **Presenter:** Hinsdale Central High School (Hinsdale, IL)

### 2007

**Presenter:** National Louis University (Skokie, IL) **Presenter:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transition Conference - Joliet Junior College (Joliet, IL)

### Author of the following books:

King, Brian R.. Perfect moments in relationships: lessons on connection for work, family, love and life. DeKalb: Brian R. King Intl., 2013. Print. **NOTE: #1 Bestseller on Amazon.com** 

King, Brian R.. Strategies for building successful relationships with people on the autism spectrum: let's relate!. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2012. Print.

King, Brian R.. I'm An Aspie; A Poetic Memoir for Living the Human Experience Through the Eyes of Asperger's . Fairfield, IA: 1st World Publishing , 2008. Print. King, Brian, and Ray Gulzeth. Thank you Sammy. Fairfield, Iowa: 1st World Publishing, 2008. Print.

King, Brian R.. What to do when you're totally screwed: simple strategies for bringing your life into balance. New York: iUniverse, Inc., 2004. Print.

### **References:**

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Brian's work is inspired by his own journey as a parent of three sons on the autism spectrum, two of whom also have ADHD. It was through his sons that Brian discovered that he has a mild form of autism, ADHD and dyslexia.