Report to Iowa Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

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Access
-IACP staff has finalized the outline for the re-entry guide to make it more of a resource for IDOC staff. Currently staff is in the process of revising the basic guide to reflect appropriate information in user-friendly format with examples common for people exiting the corrections system. A section on screening will be added to the guide, which will help the learner understand how to administer the HELPS screening tool, what the results may mean and resources available for people who need help. Included as part of the guide will be the following in an electronic format a copy of the on demand training, a copy of the HELPS screening tool, a copy of a Personal Intervention Plan and copies of the BIA-IA electronic tote bag information.

-Coordinated with the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa and supported development of 1st annual Northeast Iowa Brain Injury Conference. This included identifying and making possible through financial support a keynote speaker for one of the days and presenting two breakout sessions.

Effectiveness
-14 agencies received training, 622 people participated in these trainings. Trainings were done in the following counties:
  - Webster (2)
  - Cerro Gordo (3)
  - Adair
  - Black Hawk
  - Calhoun
  - Clinton (2)
  - Johnson
  - Allamakee (2)
  - Clayton

-7 agencies received technical assistance during the reporting period; issues addressed included development of behavioral interventions, transition planning for exiting institutions, service coordination and service planning.

-IACP staff has been approved to take the examination to become a Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer. Completion of this Certification will allow staff to provide training and testing
for Iowa service providers to become Certified Brain Injury Specialists. Currently, there are only 3 CBISTs in the state so this will increase capacity by 25%.

**Efficiency**

-IACP has begun revision of the Brain Injury course on the College of Direct Supports. The goal is to ensure that Iowa providers will have accurate information and access to valid resources surrounding brain injury. Currently, over 60 agencies statewide are utilizing the web based training tool and it is anticipated that this number will double within the next 12-18 month. Future plans for utilization of this platform include developing topic specific trainings on brain injury and uploading any trainings developed as part of this project for utilization by Iowa service providers.

-As part of the IACP Technical Assistance Contract, staff provided 8 trainings at 4 regional training sites on October 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2013 on Utilizing Relational Skills, this training was a modified version of many of the same materials that are utilized to train brain injury service providers on working with people with challenging behavior. The premise was that utilization of these skills would help service providers to be more effective in working with people who were challenging including people who have experienced brain injury.

**Upcoming Activities this Quarter**

1. Development of training curriculum on cognitive rehabilitation/remediation for service providers and educators across Iowa.
2. Completion and plan for distribution and applicable training on Re-Entry guide for Iowa Department of Corrections Staff.
3. Completion of test for CBIST certification and identify provider organizations who may be interested in having staff trained.
4. Currently there are four agencies that are in the process of scheduling trainings; the following are the scheduled upcoming trainings:
   - 11/12/13 (2) North Star Services, Marshalltown, Iowa
   - 11/13/13 (2) North Star Services, Waterloo, Iowa