Report the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

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Access

-The Brain Injury Re-Entry Guide for Corrections staff has been printed and is ready for distribution to key partners including IDOC, IDPH and BIA-IA.

-Cognitive Rehabilitation was presented to the ACBI at the April meeting for feedback and review. The materials have been revised based upon the feedback. A new evaluation was created that will measure learners prior to the training and measure the impact of the training on their knowledge after the training.

-Worked with partners and key legislators to pass administrative rules for the IME Online Brain Injury Training for service providers. The training will be a system enhancement for Iowa and was created at the request of Iowa Providers and is easily accessible, consistent, high quality and reduces the amount of time and cost for training.

Effectiveness

-8 trainings were complete this quarter, 237 people participated in these trainings. Trainings were completed for the following agencies:
  - Iowa Association of Community Providers annual Conference (2)
  - North Star Services-Marshalltown (2)
  - North Star Services-Waterloo (2)
  - Independence Day Everyday Conference- Creston
  - Southwest Iowa Caregiver Conference- Red Oak

-5 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. These consultations and agencies were located in the following counties: Polk (3), Union and Carroll.
-IACP staff has begun working with two separate provider agencies that will be receiving ACBIS training with the intent of becoming certified. This training will be offered in person and via web conferencing.

**Efficiency**

-IACP has developed and deployed an online module for brain injury training that is based upon the curriculum developed for the IME Online Brain Injury training. This training will allow service providers another avenue to access the training.

-IACP has developed a group of partners, including service providers and advocates, to work to enhance the current training content offer in the IME Online Brain Injury training. This training will be on the College of Direct Supports platform. The goal is to develop a training that speaks directly to non-traditional learners and offers vignettes and activities to enhance the materials that are available. The curriculum that is currently offered by IME will all be covered but this will offer providers another option that meets the current rule and allows them to go further in terms of staff learning and development regarding working with people who have experienced brain injury.

-IACP staff is also participating on the Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory group for Aging Resources of Central Iowa. IACP is also partnering with the staff from the Money Follows the Person Project to develop effective options for people who are leaving institutional care and want to live in the community.