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## **Report to Iowa Advisory Council on Brain Injuries**

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### **Access**

-It is anticipated that IACP will have a prominent presence on all of the Mental Health/Disability Services redesign groups scheduled to begin work August 1, 2011. IACP has provided recommendations for participants on all work groups including the brain injury work group. The Brain Injury Advisory Committee will be utilized to gain data points and give feedback on possible recommendations made by this work group.

-Three trainings were completed during the reporting period specifically aimed at working with people experiencing brain injury in the corrections system. IACP staff will be collaborating with staff from the Iowa Department of Corrections and the Iowa Department of Public Health at the Annual Summer School for Helping Professionals at the University of Iowa. A one day workshop on effectively working with people experiencing brain injury who are involved in the criminal justice system will be offered. Two corrections entities in Scott County have requested training in the upcoming reporting period.

### **Effectiveness**

-13 trainings were provided during the reporting period, providing training to 694 individuals, and 5 agencies received technical assistance for individual assistance during the reporting period. IACP staff has also assisted agencies in the appeal process for people who have been denied HCBS BI Waiver services.

-IACP staff has been approved to test for the Certified Brain Injury Specialist trainer certification. This certification will help to make ACBIS more realistic and cost effective for community based service providers.

### **Efficiency**

-IACP expended all funding for the previous contract cycle. The Association continues to look for ways to fund portions of this project through alternate sources of funding but have not identified an ongoing source for funding.

-IACP has infused brain injury related materials into the HCBS Technical Assistance project, a separate contract project with Iowa Medicaid. Challenges, solutions and resources for transitioning people from out of state placements were highlighted as part of the Transition curriculum offered to over 400 service providers throughout the state in May and June of 2011.