

IDPH report to ACBI

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- Maggie Ferguson joined IDPH as Brain Injury and Disability Program Manager on August 9th. Since then she has met with both IACP and BIA-IA to discuss work plans under the current contracts. She has also met with Tom Brown in person and spoke with task force chairs via email or phone. Her contact information is listed on the ACBI roster.
- In August, Maggie and Binnie LeHew participated in a Technical Assistance call with Amy Horn from NORC. NORC is the TBI Technical Assistance Center (TBI TAC) for the HRSA TBI grant.
- Maggie attended the Brain Injury Conference in Waterloo in August.
- The Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet was updated and submitted to TBI TAC in August.
- In September, Maggie and Binnie brought a group of Iowa professionals together to collaborate as a part of a TBI Community of Practice with a focus on TBI prevention. Through August 2014, this group will participate in monthly national webinars and meetings as well as participate in monthly calls (meeting in person quarterly) as an Iowa cohort. Roxanne Cogil and Debbie Tell are also members of this team. For more information please visit <http://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/traumatic-brain-injury-community-practice>
- In October, Tom Brown and Maggie attended the State of the States meeting hosted by NASHIA in Detroit, MI. Dave Johnson and Megan Hartwig also were present from Iowa. The meeting was a good networking opportunity and chance to hear about projects happening in other states. However, due to the federal shut-down HRSA was not represented and information about a new competitive grant was not provided. The sentiment seemed promising that a new grant cycle might be opened and the following were presented as possible areas of focus: Screening, Professional Development, Resource Facilitation, information & Referral. Due to HRSA not being available for comment, this information is purely speculative at this point.
- Approximately 1100 Brain Injury Guide Books have been distributed to date to AEAs, school nurses, vocational rehabilitation counselors and others. A survey has been posted to the ACBI website for users to provide feedback and a link to the survey is provided with each copy of the guide distributed. For individuals who received the guide prior to the surveys creation, an email with a link to the survey will be sent out. An additional 1500 guide books are currently being ordered.
- In the past week, Maggie presented background information about the TBI registry during a webinar to interested parties about the Stroke Registry. The webinar was recorded and is being transcribed. If you are interested in listening to the webinar, please contact Maggie to be notified when it is available.