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

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### **Access**

-IACP partnered with IDPH staff to develop a webinar for Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff based upon the curriculum developed earlier in the grant cycle. The training will be hosted by IDOC staff and distributed as part of the re-entry guide that is being created.

-IACP staff has re-designed the outline for the re-entry guide to make it more of a resource for IDOC staff. As part of this important documents, further reading materials and the on-demand training will be written onto thumb drives which will be distributed as part of the re-entry guide. This will ensure further dissemination of both resources as it is more cost effective to distribute both at once. IACP has the technology to replicate multiple thumb drives at a time.

### **Effectiveness**

-10 agencies received training, 469 people participated in these trainings. 6 agencies received technical assistance during the reporting period; issues addressed included challenging behavior, service coordination and service planning.

-IACP staff has applied for certification as 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, IACP provides 16 regional trainings annually, plans are being made to incorporate brain injury training into these trainings.