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Access

-The Brain Injury Re-Entry Guide for Corrections staff has been completed. The guide is being formatted for printing. IACP staff is working to arrange training sessions for Corrections staff to train on using the guide and the resources that will accompany the guide.

-An initial outline for curriculum on cognitive rehabilitation/remediation has been developed, areas that have been identified to be covered include:

- Defining cognition and cognitive skills
- Common cognitive issues after brain injury
- The role of the educator/community service provider in cognitive rehabilitation/remediation
- Utilizing allied health professionals
- Understanding and implementing recommendations from allied health professionals
- Practical strategies for dealing with cognitive issues
- Resources available in Iowa for assessment and treatment

Effectiveness

-10 trainings for 6 separate agencies this quarter, 207 people participated in these trainings. Trainings were completed for the following agencies:

- TASC—Waukon (2)
- G and G living--Guttenberg
- North Star Services—Marshalltown (2)
- North Star Services—Waterloo (2)
- Candeo—Johnston (2)
- Fair Family Services--Winterset

-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. Approximately 35 staff is involved in these consultations and agencies were located in the following counties: Allamakee, Polk, Johnson, Black Hawk and Carroll

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-IACP staff has passed the examination and done the necessary training webinar to become a Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer. This brings the number of trainers in the state to 5. IACP staff is working with agencies that are interested in having their staff certified to develop opportunities for the training to be completed.

Efficiency

-IACP has fully revised of the Brain Injury course on the College of Direct Supports. This ensures that over 75 agencies and 10,700 active learners have access to this lesson. 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.

Upcoming Activities this Quarter

1. Completion and implementation of training curriculum on cognitive rehabilitation/remediation for service providers and educators across Iowa.
2. Printing and training on Re-Entry guide for Iowa Department of Corrections Staff.
3. Development of ACBIS certification opportunities for community based service providers.
4. Assisting in HRSA application process.