



Brain Injury Association Report for the ACBI 7/15/11

Brain Injury Support Network (BISN)

Effectiveness:

Training Evaluations Summary

Five training evaluations were completed during this quarter. Participants were asked to respond to four questions rating each on a scale of 1-5.

Question #1. How well did the program meet the training objective of giving you the tools to begin working with a partner as a mentor?

4 participants out of 5 responded with a score of five or excellent

1 out of 5 responded with a score of four or good.

Question #2. How well did the instructor facilitate the understanding of the material?

5 out of 5 responded with a score of five or excellent

Question #3. How helpful were the Mentor Training Workbook and the handouts?

4 out of 5 responded with a score of five or excellent

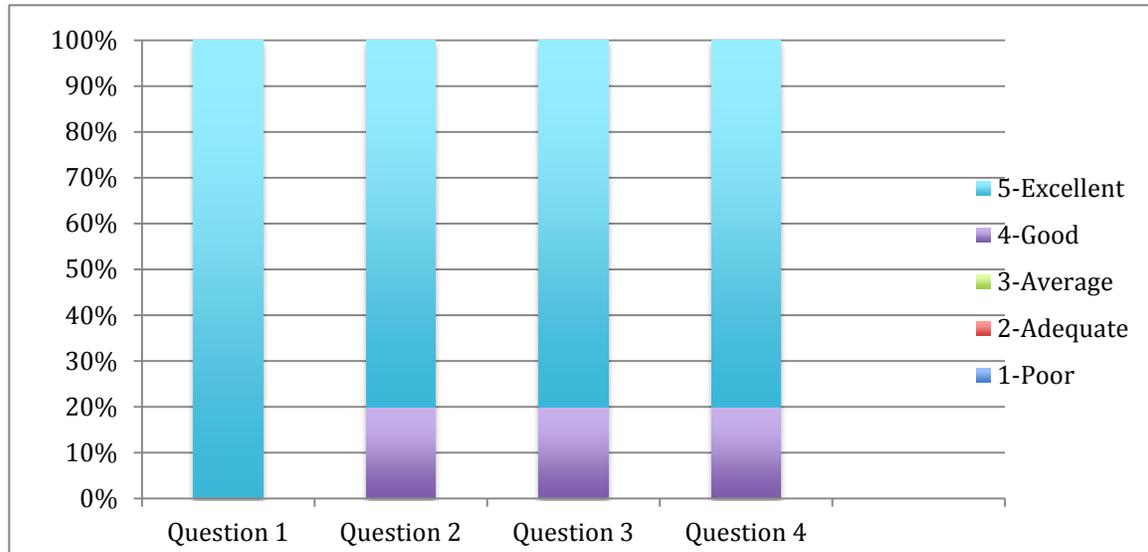
1 out of 5 responded with a score of four or good

Question #4. How useful were the role-plays as a learning tool?

4 out of 5 responded with a score of five or excellent

1 out of 5 responded with a score of four or good

Comments: The most useful parts of the training was the manual, group size and role playing.



Efficiency

Referrals Update:

We currently have 86 individuals who have inquired about BISN. Calls or emails have been made to all who have inquired.

- ✓ 9 matches are completed to date
- ✓ 4 matches are in progress to date
- ✓ 1 match ended due to health problems for the mentor
- ✓ 43 interested in becoming a mentor
- ✓ 43 interested in having a mentor
- ✓ 8 are unsure what they want to do at this time
- ✓ 14 individuals have repeatedly been contacted to set up screenings
- ✓ 63 individuals have been screened as potential mentors or partners.

Access:

- ✓ A Mentor training was held in Waterloo on 4/8/11. **Seven individuals** attended and completed the five hour course.
- ✓ Due to staff changes at BIAIA, a July mentor training has been postponed until fall.
- ✓ A total of 24 individuals have taken the five hour mentor training session.
- ✓ Five more evaluation forms were completed during this quarter providing feedback on the BISN trainings for a total of 21 evaluations completed to date. (See Attachment A)

Neuro-Resource Facilitation

Effectiveness:

Continued effort is made to ensure people that call into the NRF program are getting the services and supports they need. Follow up calls are completed with new and current clients to ensure that continual supports are provided.

Efficiency:

- 100% of NRF clients receive follow up phone calls at 3 and 6 mos.
- Referrals come from many disciplines, including Case Managers, corrections social workers, family members, discharge planners, hospital social workers, nurses, PT, OT, Speech therapists, state support groups, and websites (both state and national).

Access:

- Calls come from across the state. Neuro-resource Facilitators are assigned either the Western or Eastern part of the state. There were 131 new calls in the last quarter, putting the number of clients in the database to 1879.

Training and Education

Effectiveness:

Training participant feedback cards showed that most participants scored trainers either a 5 or 6 on a scale of 1 to 6. (5 or 6 score means they felt the training had considerable impact on them and they strongly agreed with overall effectiveness of the training).

Efficiency:

A total of 7 trainings were provided from April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011, training a total of 426 people. Topics included: BI 101, Neuro-Resource Facilitation, BSN mentoring training, Vocational Rehab and BI, Ambiguous Loss, and Concussions. A BIA-IA Lunch and Learn was held at Vocational Rehabilitation, with approximately 15 people in attendance. BIA-IA also held a Family Conference in April with the Waterloo Chapter in Waterloo. Over 50 families were in attendance.

Access:

Trainings were held in Des Moines, Exira, Waterloo, and Iowa City.

Totes

Effectiveness:

The tote bag review team, Sue Lewis, Kathy Herring, Tina White, and Jackie Vaughn, reviewed the contents of the pediatric and adult tote bags.

Here are some of the suggestions from the tote bag review team:

- Add information about guardianship
- Add Childserve to the pediatric tote bags
- Add the DVD, "The Outside to the Inside: Including Students with BI"
- Get a tote bag to each major library in the state of Iowa for distribution through the interlibrary loan program.

A survey link for the tote bag is still sent to everyone that receives one. BIA-IA staff receives feedback from those that receive them verbally as well.

Efficiency:

In addition to the tote bags, we also send the virtual tote bag to individuals who prefer things electronically.

With the increase cost of the totes and materials, Heidi Smith submitted a grant to the Pilot International Group and were granted a \$2,500 grant from their Iowa City chapter.

Access:

In the past quarter, 193 totes were distributed across Iowa to individuals and IBIRN sites. Our year to date total since July 1, 2010 is 1259.

Also:

- We have had two Lunch and Learns (Feb. and April) The next one is August 24th and the topic will be Assistive Technology
- Recruiting for MAP is almost over. I have flyers if anyone is interested.