

## **Brain Injury Association Report for the ACBI 4/15/11**

### **Brain Injury Support Network (BISN)**

#### **Effectiveness:**

##### Training Evaluations Summary

Thirteen 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?

10 participants out of 13 responded with a score of five or excellent

3 out of 13 responded with a score of four or good.

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

11 out of 13 responded with a score of five or excellent

2 out of 13 responded with a score of four or good

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

9 out of 13 responded with a score of five or excellent

4 out of 13 responded with a score of four or good

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

11 out of 13 responded with a score of five or excellent

1 responded with a score of four or good

1 responded with a score of 3 or average.

#### **Efficiency**

##### Referrals Update:

We currently have 81 individuals who have inquired about BISN. Calls or emails have been made to all who have inquired.

- ✓ 42 interested in becoming a mentor
- ✓ 39 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
- ✓ 59 individuals have been screened as potential mentors or partners.
- ✓ 17 individuals have been trained as mentors
- ✓ 2 matches are in progress

**Access:**

- ✓ Trainings this quarter were held in Iowa City and Des Moines. Trainings are scheduled in 2011 on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo and on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines.
- ✓ All persons interested in becoming a mentor or having a mentor were contacted within 72 business hours.

### **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 101 new calls in the last quarter, putting the number of clients in the database to 1755.

### **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:**

Because of the loss of contract revenue with the state of Iowa, BIA-IA had to turn down requests to provide trainings. BIA-IA did honor the trainings that were already scheduled for the quarter. The statewide conference was also held in

March, adding significantly to the number of people trained. The BIA-IA first Lunch and Learn was held at ChildServe, with approximately 75 people in attendance. Overall, there were 581 people trained, 338 were at the BIA-IA state conference. Trainings, other than the conference, were NRF-101, BI-101, ACBIS trainings, BSN trainings, Youth and Concussions, Current and Upcoming Therapy Trends in Pediatric Brain Injury, and Managing Difficult Behaviors.

**Access:**

Trainings were held in Des Moines, Indianola, Mason City, Iowa City, Independence, and Johnston. Again, had funding not been reduced, additional locations and providers would have been provided training.

**Totes**

**Effectiveness:**

The tote bag review team, Sue Lewis, Kathy Herring, Tina White, and Jackie Vaughn, are currently in the process of reviewing the contents of the pediatric and adult tote bags. Survey link for the tote bag is still sent to everyone that receives one. BIA-IA staff receive 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.

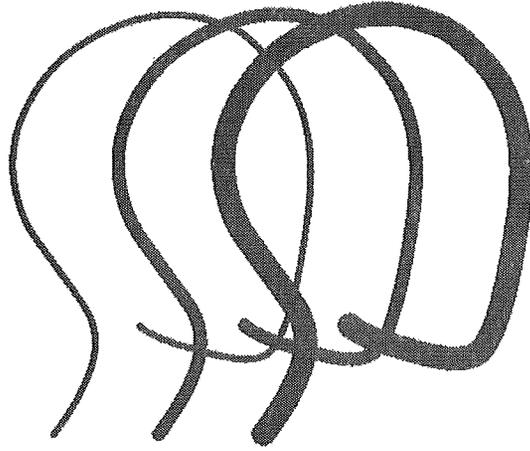
With the increase cost of the totes and materials, Heidi Smith recently submitted a grant to the Pilot International Group to help with the cost of booklets and materials that BIA-IA purchases for the tote bags.

**Access:**

In the past quarter, 328 totes were distributed across Iowa to individuals and IBIRN sites. Our year to date total since July 1, 2010 is 1066.

Also:

- Youth Concussion Bill was passed and signed by the Governor last Thursday!
- We have had two Lunch and Learns (Feb. and April) The next one is June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the topic will be Assistive Technology
- Recruiting for MAP has begun
- Heidi was in Bethesda, MD for the HRSA meeting



## Brain Injury Association of Iowa

### **Midwest Advocacy Project**

*Want to get involved and learn more about improving brain injury services but not sure how to go about it?*

Becoming a successful advocate is an important way to improve services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI), their family members, and significant others. The Brain Injury Association of Iowa is partnering with the Mayo Clinic TBI Model System in a research study to identify how to best teach advocacy to people touched by TBI to improve their health and that of their communities. This groundbreaking study is expected to advance the science of TBI research.

If you are at least **18 years old and a person or family member/significant other affected by a moderate to severe TBI a year or more ago**, you are invited to contact us about participating in this research study. You will be asked to attend four monthly training sessions in Des Moines. Travel expenses will be covered for those residing at least 60 miles from the training site. All participants will receive a research stipend upon completion of the four sessions.

Please contact the Brain Injury Association of Iowa at: 1-800-444-6443 or [info@biaia.org](mailto:info@biaia.org) for additional information and/or an application. Contribute to important TBI research and join with others eager to gain better advocacy skills and know-how.