Return to Learn

Contract Goal #1: Identify or develop a training curriculum, with identified partners, to improve the skills of Iowa's service providers and educators by April 15, 2015.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
The work group has met three times during this quarter, October 24, November 21 and January 12, to continue discussion on development of training curriculum.

Training and Consultation

Contract Goal #2: Offer four (4) regional training sessions on promising practices to brain injury service providers throughout Iowa.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
-7 trainings for service providers have been completed statewide since October 15th. 535 professionals have been trained during this contract year.
-Topic areas included: Brain Injury and Family systems, ACBIS curriculum (4) and PEARL (2).
-178 people participated in these trainings.
-Regions in which training occurred included:
  • MHDS of East Central Region
  • County Social Services

Contract Goal #3: Offer case consultation to a minimum of twelve (12) service providers annually.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
-6 consultations were completed this quarter

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Contract Goal #4: Offer service providers the opportunity to become certified by the Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS).

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Coordination is currently in progress with a pediatric service provider to do agency specific annual ACBIS training for identified staff. ACBIS training competed in West Des Moines on November 17-18 for 24 participants. The training was coordinated by the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. Discussion has been
ongoing about scheduling of a second targeted training. During the previous quarter it was identified that there are few HCBS Daily Supported Community Living Providers with staff who are ACBIS certified. Over the next quarter plans will be developed for targeted outreach and to address any barriers identified in the BI Provider survey once data is analyzed.

**Contract Goal #9: Contract will provide support within 2 identified Iowa judicial districts to increase skills of staff working in community-based corrections.**

**Quarterly activities/Progress:**
Coordinating with staff at the Iowa Department of Corrections to develop training opportunities for staff in community based corrections. Next meeting scheduled for January 20, 2015, staff contact was on long term medical leave during the majority of this quarter.

**Capacity Building**

**Contract Goal #5: Provide outreach and technical assistance within Iowa MH/DS regions and the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program to develop a plan for delivering and/or increasing brain injury capacity within the service delivery system.**

**Quarterly activities/Progress:**
One referral was made to the MFP program this quarter. Assistance has been provided in educating individual transition specialists about the Brain Injury Waiver, service provider availability and specific needs of individuals with brain injury exiting nursing facilities. Continued participated in the Core Standardized Assessment discussions as part of Balancing Incentives Program grant. This includes both the state of Iowa’s work group and a workgroup developed by the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators.

The NASHIA work group is reviewing identified tools and will be making recommendations on both assessment process and tools. It is hope that states will be able to develop process that are sensitive to the impact of brain injury while addressing eligibility, identifying support needs and informing service planning.

**Contract Goal #8: Develop and launch a training program for the development of competencies in brain injury service delivery for mid-and upper level management of Iowa service provider agencies utilizing a cohort of at least 15 individuals representing a minimum of 6 service organizations.**

**Quarterly activities/Progress:**
Met with two service providers to review their training programs. Currently in the process of developing a curriculum; anticipating completion of curriculum during the next quarter.
Needs Assessment

Contract Goal #6: Contractor will assess the needs of brain injury service providers in Iowa by December 31, 2014.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Survey tool was distributed in December of 2014, with the collection period ending on December 31, 2014. All data has been collected and aggregated. Analysis of the both the qualitative and quantitative data has begun. It is anticipated that the analysis and report will be completed by the end of the January 2015.

Contract Goal #7: With identified partners, contractor will utilize findings form assessment in goal 6 to identify or develop a training curriculum to improve the skills of Iowa’s service providers working with challenging brain based behaviors among individuals with multi-occurring conditions.

Quarterly activities/Progress:
Work will begin once assessment of needs is completed, data is analyzed and report is completed. The final report will include any recommendations noted in this area.