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Access

-The Brain Injury Advisory group will be utilized to develop a new iteration of that IACP Brain Injury Provider Survey. It is the intent to have that survey ready for publishing by the end of October 2012.

-IACP staff continues to work with the Iowa Department of Corrections on developing educational materials and opportunities pertinent to brain injury including a guide for working with inmates as they are transitioned into the community.

Effectiveness

-12 agencies received training and 3 agencies received technical assistance during the reporting period. Each agency reported that these trainings and technical assistance increased their ability to serve individuals who had multiple challenges and whose services may have been at risk of being discontinued.

-Two additional agencies were assisted in development of their own curriculum to use as part of their internal staff training programs. This process involved development of materials, training on materials and coaching through the implementation process of the developed training.

-Staff has participated in the MH/DS Brain Injury redesign group.

Efficiency

-IACP has trained several providers in the corrections system. IDOC staff has been consulted with and a curriculum has been developed to help corrections staff better understand brain injury and how to work effectively with people at all levels of the corrections system.

-IACP through a contract with IME is offering technical assistance statewide to HCBS waiver and habilitation service providers. This program has resulted in an increase in the demand for technical assistance to brain injury service providers.

-IACP is also exploring how different brain injury curriculums can be published on the College of Direct Supports website for Iowa. Over 30 service providers statewide who serve over 5,500 Medicaid members are currently utilizing this system.