

Report to the Advisory Council on Brain Injuries

January 26, 2024

Advisory Council

Council updates

- Brain injury and council fact sheet was completed with the assistance of Brenda Easter, Jean Shelton and Jordan True. (included in meeting documents)
- The annual brain injury conference will be held in Iowa City on March 7-8, 2024. There is funding available for council members to attend. If you are interested, please email Maggie at maggie.ferguson@idph.iowa.gov and complete the following survey form with your details <https://forms.gle/GWGACtR4mbXuERmP9>

Brain Injury Services Program

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 Budget

ITEM	BUDGET	EXPENDED
Personnel	\$ 129,620	\$ 48,382
Contractual	\$ 895,200	\$ 208,090
Other (travel, communication, operational)	\$ 30,180	\$ 27,280
TOTAL	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 271,165

Brain Injury Services Program (BISP) updates

- Staff submitted a proclamation request to the Governor's office for March as Brain Injury Awareness Month.
- Ferguson and Pender will attend the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators' SEED Summit in March.
- Ferguson will be co-presenting with Olivia Diggs, epidemiologist at Iowa HHS, at the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa annual conference about available data from the Iowa Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey and Youth Behavioral Risk Survey in addition to how this information will be used to inform program decision making.
- Staff will begin working with students from Drake University and University of Iowa to update and expand available concussion resources for schools.
- Ferguson has been invited to participate in the Iowa [Team Up for Sports Safety](#) meeting in April.
- Staff continue to promote the importance of screening for a lifetime history of brain injury via Your Life Iowa in an electronic fillable form
 - Our modified (Ohio State University Traumatic Brain Injury Identification Method (OSU TBI-ID) screening tool has been translated into Spanish and is available on Your Life Iowa
 - A brief assessment tool (symptoms questionnaire) from our colleagues in Colorado is complete and available on Your Life Iowa

Traumatic Brain Injury Implementation Grant

(Year 3 of 5: August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024)

ITEM	BUDGET	EXPENDED
Personnel & Indirect	\$ 84,713	\$ 48,974
Contractual	\$ 110,500	\$ 15,574
Other	\$ 4,787	\$ 1,849
TOTAL	\$ 200,000	\$ 66,397

TBI Grant updates

- A carryover request for \$51,196 was submitted to the Administration for Community Living and approved, with expenditures to be used as noted below
 - *Training*
 - Provide 50 scholarships to behavioral health providers to the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa annual conference. 50 x \$275 = \$13,750
 - Summit on child welfare and brain injury \$14,946
 - Train 75 behavioral health providers on brain injury fundamentals 75 x \$140 = \$10,500
 - *Refugee Services*
 - Contract with an agency (TBD) to host listening sessions to develop culturally appropriate brain injury resources 6 x \$2000 = \$12,000
- The Public Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services continues its partnership with the Family Well Being and Protection Division serving caretakers involved in the Neuro Resource Facilitation Child Welfare Collaborative Pilot Project (CWC Pilot Project)
 - Our work, over the last quarter, has been to strengthen our connection with direct service providers that serve caretakers in our pilot area. This is being done through the NASHIA's 2023 – 2024 Leading Practice Academy
 - A big win has been our ability to engage the sole service provider of family centered services in the pilot area
 - BIAIA is providing training and technical assistance to their team on how to develop person centered plans (i.e. incorporate accommodations/compensatory strategy in case plans)
 - We continue to engage with other providers, in the pilot area, that provide behavioral health services
 - ACL authorized an ad hoc workgroup to address child welfare and brain injury
 - Several grantee states: Iowa, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Colorado (with Iowa and Tennessee facilitating) have been providing training to states interested in the "Brain Injury and Child Welfare Best Practice Guide: Information and Tools for State Agencies" It is complete and the guide is available at: [Brain Injury and Child Welfare Best Practice Guide](#)
 - The core group will be presented November 9th to Family First Hawaii & Hawaii's Neurotrauma Unit

- The Brain Injury Association of Michigan has invited our core team to present at their fall conference in the fall
 - Pender has had discussions with Maine and North Carolina regarding their interest in this subject
- Short videos on Brain Injury and Trauma Informed Care among refugees have been completed and are available in English, Swahili, Pashto and Burmese
 - Pender is working with the Bureau of Refugee services to promote these
 - A presentation will be made to the Refugee Wellness Team on February 27, a group of almost 40 providers serving the refugee community
- Pender continues to represent the Public Health Division on the Iowa Council on Homelessness

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This report can be downloaded at <https://hhs.iowa.gov/brain-injuries/advisory-council-on-brain-injuries/meeting-information>