



Criminal Legal System

January 2024 to December 2024

The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators offers the Leading Practices Academy on the Criminal Legal System and Brain Injury (LPA CLS). LPA members receive strategic and customized technical assistance to explore, develop, or continue to develop/implement protocol and practices aimed at improving outcomes for systems engaged individuals with brain injury – including child welfare and the criminal legal system.

Who Can Apply?

We encourage participation by organizations interested in preventing youth and/or adults with brain injury from becoming systems engaged with child welfare and/or the criminal legal system and/or improving outcomes for systems-connected youth or adults with brain injury. The technical assistance (TA) provided is customized; you can be at any point along the continuum of your state's infrastructure development for this population. Whether your organization is in the exploration stage, you've begun planning and engaging CLS partners, or you are developing a sustainability plan for CLS work in which you are already engaged -- NASHIA's LPA CLS can support your goals. New and returning states are welcome to join.

What is Provided?

- Direct TA/consultation which includes the following: ongoing, intensive technical assistance, assessment; creation of work plan/goals focused on outcomes and sustainability; resource sharing; and support to achieve work plan goals
- State lead, peer-to-peer sessions
- Kickoff meeting and four academy sessions focused on training and peer-to-peer support
- A set of online, centralized resources
- Academy Members Annual Summit (December 2024)

What is Your Role?

- Designate lead staff to manage and serve as primary contact
- Recruit participation of CLS partners
- Engage in TA work plan development w/ LPA staff
- Engage with LPA staff routinely
- Ensure work plan activities are accomplished
- Participate in LPA activities
- Access online resources
- Disseminate information about LPA activities

Cost?

Annual Membership Cost: \$10,000

Brain injury within the criminal and juvenile justice system is staggering:

Youth: 44%

Adults: 41%-82%

Sources: Dijkers & Seger, Farrer & Hedges, 2011, Shiroma, Ferguson, & Pickelsimer, 2010, Schofield et al., 2006

Individuals with a TBI history had a recidivism rate of 69%, while individuals without a TBI history had a recidivism rate of 37%.

Ray & Richardson, 2017

It is estimated that approximately 90-percent of children in foster care have experienced a traumatic event, with nearly half reporting exposure to four or more types of traumatic events.

Stein et al., 2001.

Interested?

If you have questions, please reach out to Judy Dettmer: jdettmer@nashia.org

New and returning states interested in the LPA are invited to [register for an informational webinar](#) on Monday, October 16th at 2pm ET. Additionally, new states are asked to indicate interest through completion of [this online questionnaire](#) this no later than December 1st to provide known details on potential goals, prospective target population, partners, etc. NOTE: continuing states do not need to complete questionnaire.

Organizations will be notified of acceptance by Dec.8th.

