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NeuroResource Facilitation for Brain Injury

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) was awarded a Byrne Justice Grant through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The project began at State Correctional Institute (SCI) Graterford in Southeast PA on October 1, 2013.

The project's core strategy is to identify inmates who may have had a brain injury, identify their resultant medical/physical, cognitive, and behavioral barriers to successful re-entry, and create release plans which includes connections with appropriate resources and community supports. The goal is ultimately to reduce recidivism and improve productivity for this population.

The project's components are:

Screening: BIAPA will screen inmates for history of brain injury. Those whose screenings identify brain injury and meet participation requirements will receive further neurocognitive testing to determine the extent and type of their cognitive impairment.

Pre-Release Assistance and Referral: The NeuroResource Facilitator will work intensively with identified individuals and collaborate with staff at SCI Graterford including the Corrections Counselor and Parole Re-Entry Agent to create comprehensive re-entry plans. The NeuroResource Facilitator will also work with inmates to apply for services needed upon release including vocational rehabilitation, housing, legal services, substance abuse treatment, and public benefits.

Post-Release Follow-Up: The NeuroResource Facilitator will meet with those served in their communities or by telephone 1-2 times per month for one year. The NeuroResource Facilitator will also provide support and collect outcome data.

Signatures: I understand that participation is voluntary and I agree to participate in the screening described above.

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