



Colorado Legislative Project – Commitment Agreement
CO Judicial Districts/MINDSOURCE – Brain Injury Network

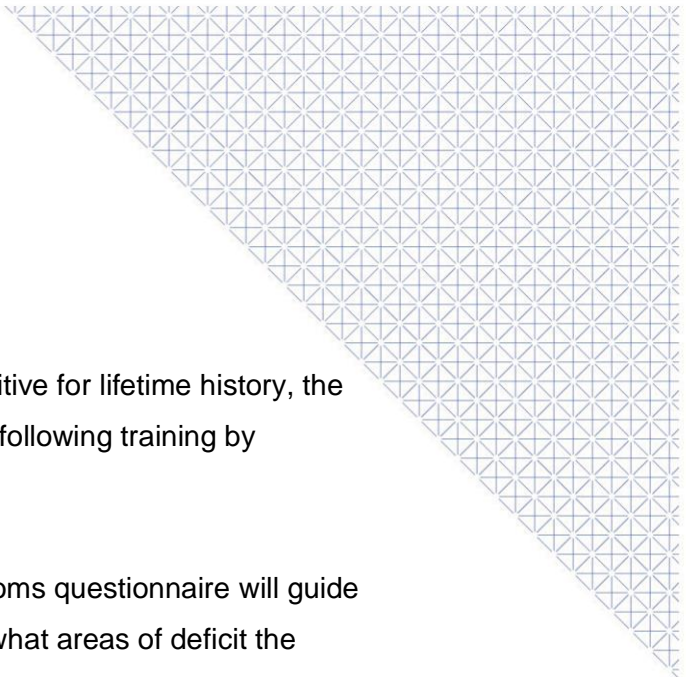
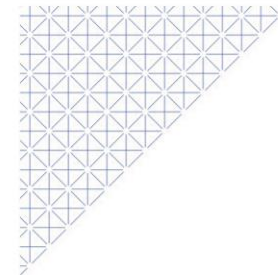
Background:

MINDSOURCE – Brain Injury Network (MINDSOURCE) was awarded a four-year Federal Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Traumatic Brain Injury Partnership grant that started in June 2014 and ended in May 2018. The focus of this grant was to develop an evidenced-based screening, identification and referral protocol for justice-involved individuals with brain injury. This included screening for lifetime history of brain injury and subsequent neuropsychological impairment and if the individual screened positive, a referral was made to the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado (BIAC) for community-based case management support. The data collected from this project indicate that approximately 45% of individuals screened positive for lifetime history of brain injury. Additionally, of that 45%, 75% screened positive for neuropsychological impairment. Given the prevalence of brain injury among justice-involved individuals with brain injury, it is important to expand upon this effort. Therefore, in partnership with the BIAC, MINDSOURCE sought and was awarded funds from the Colorado Legislature to sustain and expand upon this effort to existing and additional probation sites.

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To accomplish expansion of the protocol into existing and additional probation sites, MINDSOURCE proposes a partnership with judicial districts to implement the following screening, identification, and referral protocol.

1. Screen for lifetime history of brain injury: Probation staff will administer the Ohio State University Traumatic Brain Injury Identification Method (OSU_TBI-ID). MINDSOURCE will provide training.



2. Symptoms Questionnaire: If probationer screens positive for lifetime history, the probationer will complete the Symptoms Questionnaire following training by MINDSOURCE.

3. Develop support strategies: The results of the symptoms questionnaire will guide probation officers (POs) and treatment providers as to what areas of deficit the individual is struggling with and subsequent strategies/accommodations for the PO/treatment provider to consider.

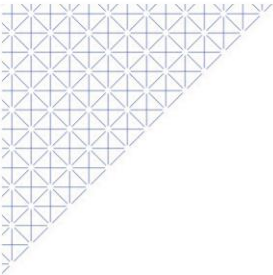
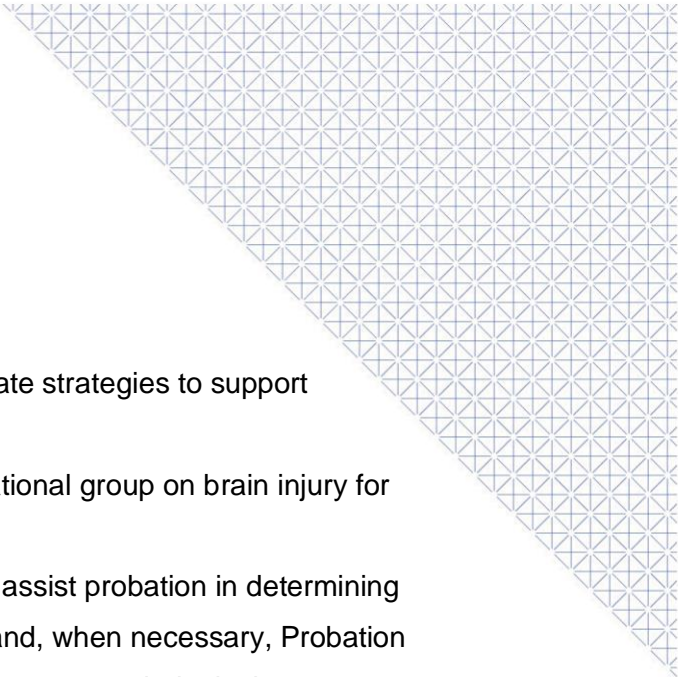
4. Psycho-educational group: If the probationer is indicated to have deficits in any symptom area, they will be referred to the TBI psycho-educational group, *Achieving Healing through Education, Accountability, and Determination* (AHEAD). Facilitator selection will be determined based on probation site resources. MINDSOURCE has developed a user friendly group facilitator guide.

5. Neuropsychological screen: If the probationer continues to struggle and not be successful in probation, the PO will arrange payment for (when applicable) and refer for a neuropsychological screen. MINDSOURCE is developing a decision matrix for POs for this purpose and is developing a training to equip community-based providers to administer neuropsychological screens.

6. Referral for case management support: If individual is interested and PO feels it would benefit the client, he/she will be referred to BIAC for case management support.

Expectations of the partnership:

1. MINDSOURCE will provide training to probation staff on the following topics: brain injury 101, brain injury strategies and accommodations, administration of the lifetime history screen (OSU TBI-ID) and the symptoms questionnaire.
2. Probation staff will administer the lifetime history screen (OSU TBI-ID).
3. Probation will work with probationer to complete a symptoms questionnaire.

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4. MINDSOURCE will develop a guide on appropriate strategies to support individuals with brain injury.
 5. Probation will provide the AHEAD psycho-educational group on brain injury for identified probationers.
 6. MINDSOURCE will develop a decision matrix to assist probation in determining when a neuropsychological screen is indicated and, when necessary, Probation will arrange payment for and refer individuals for neuropsychological screens.
 7. MINDSOURCE will develop a network of trained mental health providers who can administer a neuropsychological screen when indicated.
 8. BIAC will provide case management support funded by MINDSOURCE.
 9. Probation will collect data on lifetime history screen and symptoms questionnaire.

Printed Name (probation representative)

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