

Iowa TBI Child Welfare Collaborative – Commitment Agreement

Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Human Services, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa

Background:

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) was awarded a three-year Federal Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Traumatic Brain Injury Partnership grant that started in June 2018 and ended in May 2021. A focus of that grant was to develop an evidenced-based screening, identification and referral protocol for underserved multi-occurring conditions 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 Iowa (BIA-IA) for community-based case management support. Given the prevalence of brain injury among underserved populations, it is important to expand upon this effort. Therefore, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa the Iowa Department of Public Health sought and was awarded funding to screen adults, involved in the child welfare system, from 2021 – 2026.

2021-2026 Child Welfare Collaborative:

The purpose of this contract is to provide support to lowans, with brain injury, involved in the child welfare system by providing Resource Facilitation services and supports to keep families intact so as to prevent out of home placements and termination of parental rights.

Expectations of the partnership:

Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

1. IDPH will provide funding from the Administration for Community Living to support the employment of .6 resource facilitator from the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa Department of Public Health
2. IDPH will provide staff support to the collaborative in the following ways:
 - a. Coordinate meetings with the collaborative
 - b. Seek guidance from ACL, as needed, to ensure compliance with program requirements
 - c. Monitor the overall progress of the collaborative

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS)

3. DHS will provide funding (up to \$30,000) to support .4 of the BIA-IA resource facilitator position
4. The SW III will screen for program eligibility when completing their assessment

Pilot Program Eligibility Criteria:

- At least one of the following
 - Substance Use
 - Mental Health
 - Parent Skill Deficits
 - Intimate Partner Violence
- All of the following
 - Resides in Des Moines, Lee, or Clinton Counties
 - DHS Cases that are Founded or Confirmed
 - Children 0-5 and caretaking adults who intend to stay in the home

If pilot program eligibility is met:

- The SW III will provide information about resource facilitation and the option to be screened for a lifetime history of brain injury
 - If he/she agrees to be screened a release of information will be completed for the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Public Health
 - The SW III will email the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa contact information for the individual(s) to be screened along with the identified risk factors
5. Attend trainings as appropriate
 6. Consult with the BIA-IA resource facilitator and the solution focused team to review BIA-IA recommendations

Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIA-IA)*

7. BIA-IA will provide training to DHS and other solution focused staff on the following topics: brain injury 101, brain injury accommodations and/or compensatory strategies, and provide an overview of the Iowa's lifetime history of brain injury screening tool and the Mayo Portland Adaptability 4 Assessment (MPAI-4)
8. A BIA-IA resource facilitator will administer the Iowa's (OSU TBI-ID) lifetime history of brain injury screening tool
9. A BIA-IA resource facilitator will work with the individual to complete the MPAI-4
10. Develop support strategies: The results of the MPAI will guide BIA-IA resource facilitator to provide the solution-focused team the areas of deficit the individual is struggling with and subsequent accommodations/compensatory strategies for the team to consider.
11. Neuropsychological screen: If the individual continues to struggle and not be successful in probation, the BIA-IA resource facilitator will recommend a neuropsychological screen

12. Referral for case management support: If individual is interested and team feels it would benefit the individual, he/she will be referred to BIA-IA for case management support

* Resource facilitation is a phone based service provided fee free to individuals. Resource facilitation may also occur via electronic platforms (e.g. zoom, google hangouts, micro-soft teams, & telephonically)

Printed Name (IDPH representative) Date _____

Signature

Printed Name (DHS representative) Date _____

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Printed Name (BIA-IA representative) Date _____

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