

Pennsylvania Head Injury Program

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- Total HIP Enrollment as of May 2009:
- 114 individuals enrolled (an increase of 6.5% over the same period last year)
 - 47 in Outpatient
 - 20 in Residential
 - 20 in Transition
 - 27 in Home and Community Based
- Gender Distribution: 71% Male, 29% Female

HIP Numbers, Continued

- 222 individuals in process
 - 154 in process
 - 60 approved for assessment
 - 8 approved for services
- Pre-Enrollment Assistance:
 - Since October 2004 pre-enrollment assistance coordinators have assisted 1201 individuals apply for HIP
 - During 2008, 302 individuals were served

What's New

- In August 2007, the Department fully executed a Grant Agreement with the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania for Statewide implementation of the Brain Injury School Re-Entry program referred to as BrainSTEPS
- To date, 21 School Re-Entry Consulting Teams (a total of 191 people) have been formed and trained. These 21 teams cover 75% of the Commonwealth
- In December 2008, the BrainSTEPS Brain Injury School Re-Entry Program was given a national Award for Excellence in Programs and Services by the Brain Injury Association of America

Statewide TBI Education

- The Department also funded the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania to conduct training and education sessions for a variety of audiences
- Since January 2008, 32 trainings have been conducted
- Audiences have included: school nurses, educators, psychologists employed by State Correctional Institutions, Allegheny County Police Community Intervention team members and MH/MR and drug and alcohol counselors

State Action Plan

- Goals of the Action Plan:
 - Link major informational resources providing assistance and information to persons with brain injury and their families
 - Enhance service and support for person with brain injury
 - Increase knowledge and public awareness concerning brain injury
- The State Action Plan is currently under review by the TBI Advisory Committee and will include measurable performance outcomes as well as targets and achievements

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention and Awareness

- Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) is a violent form of child abuse that accounts for the majority of severe head injuries in children under age one
- In July 2007, the Department began funding the SBS Program. This program seeks to reduce the incidence of SBS by providing information and education to parents at the time of birth
- In 2008, there were 72 confirmed cases on abusive head trauma in Pennsylvania
- The SBS Prevention and Awareness Program tracked and maintained 100% hospital compliance with the PA SBS Law, Act 176, during 2008

Increasing the HIP Provider Network

- The Department continues to strive to increase the HIP provider network Statewide
- Since May 2008, there has been a 45.5% increase in the provider network. New providers include Good Shepherd Rehabilitation, Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation and Living Unlimited Inc.
- Additionally, there is one other entity considering becoming HIP provider

Enhancing the HIP Provider Network

- Effective October 1, 2008, the HIP outpatient rates were increased.

What's New at the Federal Level

- There are a number of proposed changes at the Federal level for TBI funding effective with the 2009 award period
- Amount of funding will be increased to \$250,000 with a State match requirement of \$125,000
- HRSA will encourage multiple partnerships and will be looking for grant applications that address a variety of target populations ie: children/youth, senior citizens.

What's New at the Federal Level, continued

- The Department is currently exploring partnerships that will meet the new Federal requirements and expand TBI services across the age continuum
- Technical Assistance grant was re-bid and awarded to the National Opinion Research Center, which has headquarters at the University of Chicago

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