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Special TBI Grant Update

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Special thank you to Laura Trexler, BIAI employee and TBI Grant Program Director for all her hard work on the grant the past three years!!

A Journey with Many Accomplishments!

Resource Facilitation Pilot Project

The TBI Grant Resource Facilitation Pilot Project concluded in December 2008. Twenty three individuals who had experience a TBI were recruited. Twelve received RF services and eleven received routine follow-up services. Data reveals that 67% of the RF participants were successful in return-to-work or school as compared to 36% in the control group. One person in the control group was incarcerated and another was temporarily institutionalized.

TBI Grant Application for 2009-2013

Indiana's TBI Grant Advisory Council reviewed and approved a proposed Statewide Action Plan. In addition, the TBI Grant Enhanced Leadership Team determined the direction of the Statewide Action Plan as it related to the 2009-2013 TBI Implementation and Partnership Grant Application to HRSA

Goals in the Grant Application are based on the TBI Needs and Resources Assessment conducted by Luther Consulting, LLC. These include: develop state- Local Support Networks, provide professional education and training, develop outcome measurement strategies and expand and incorporate the Indiana Resource Facilitation Database.

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In addition, the Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services has agreed to provide Resource Facilitation services as part of the 2009-2013 TBI Grant application infrastructure development and Statewide systems of Support.

Indiana TBI Implementation & Partnership

The Lead Agency and the Brain Injury Association of Indiana are currently planning a 2006-2009 Grant conference for the Spring. Conference goals include: reviewing the accomplishments of the current Grant; offering a national perspective on the innovative and contemporary approaches to Vocational Rehabilitation for individuals with a brain injury; and providing a model for enhancing vocation outcomes in Indiana.

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