



**Brain Injury
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**25th Annual
Best Practices in Brain Injury Services Conference**

**“Shattering the Myths,
Unmasking the Opportunities”**

**Break Out
Thursday, March 2, 2017
4:00pm-5:00pm**

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Ben Woodworth is the Director of Training for the Iowa Association of Community Providers and an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Iowa School of Social Work. In his role with the Association he has been responsible for the development and implementation of IACPs Technical Assistance to Providers across Iowa and the roll out of the College of Direct Supports online training program and statewide expansion in early 2013. Mr. Woodworth also monitors a variety of policy issues for the association including the current Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign. He has co-authored numerous position papers on policy issues impacting IACPs membership and is also responsible for working with agencies to increase their capacity to serve people experiencing brain injury and challenging behavior. Mr. Woodworth obtained his bachelor's degree in Social Work from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa and his master's degree in Social Work from University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Brain Injury and Incarceration

Individuals that attend this session will have an opportunity to review and participate in discussion about the impact of our current criminal justice system and individuals who experience brain injury. Recognizing a lack of awareness on this topic, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss challenges in the current construct of the criminal justice system that include lack of screening and assessments for brain injury, concerns around navigating incarceration programs as well as finding success in re-entry programming for those that experience brain injury.

Objective:

- Attendees will learn about the prevalence of individuals who experience brain injury that intersect with the criminal justice system
- Attendees will learn about the use and status of screenings and assessments for brain injury in the criminal justice system
- Attendees will review results of needs assessment that include areas of strength and barriers for individuals experiencing brain injury within the criminal justice system

Target Audience:

Case managers, counselors, professionals

*Not limited to target audience