



# BrainSTEPS CO

## Why Your District/BOCES Needs a BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Team

Students with brain injury have unique physical, cognitive, and behavioral needs that impact their learning. Unfortunately, most educators are not adequately trained to serve this population of students. Best practice indicates that the consulting team model (Glang, Todis, Sublette, Eagan Brown & Vaccaro, 2010) helps to ensure that individuals who provide educational support to children with brain injury have an understanding of brain injury, the resulting challenges, and the supports/interventions that will help students achieve educational success.

### Why Should Your BOCES/District Establish a BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Team?

- Brain injury of any severity may cause cognitive and behavioral problems that can negatively affect a child's future ability to learn and perform in school.
- Most educators receive little of no brain injury-specific training and are unprepared to recognize and manage the unique educational needs of students with brain injury.
- BrainSTEPS CO teams receive in-depth training in brain development and injury that will prepare them to consult with school teams and families in the development and delivery of educational services for students who have experienced any type of acquired brain injury. This training also builds members skills on all neurological conditions (e.g., ADHD, ASD, SED, etc.)
- BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury teams assists schools in building their local capacity to serve students with brain injury.
- BrainSTEPS CO members are supported via monthly virtual meetings and CDE coaches, and are trained on and have access to the free CDE Online Reporting for BrainSTEPS Database – to assist in the BrainSTEPS Team processes.

### BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Team Training

- is based on current research and best practices
- covers brain injury causes, consequences, identification, assessment, teaching strategies, transitions, resources, etc.
- Initial two-day Brain Injury Consulting Team training - **Nov. 14-15, 2018** in Denver
- follow-up capacity building training held each Spring
- is provided free of cost to districts
- monthly team leader virtual meetings and coaching

## **BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Teams**

BrainSTEPS CO Consulting Teams provide the following services to their District/BOCES:

- consultation to educators on specific brain injury cases
- technical assistance to educators on specific brain injury cases
- consultation to parents on any student with brain injury referred to the team
- hospital to school transition coordination for students with brain injury
- brain injury awareness training to district personnel
- student specific brain injury training to building level teams
- dissemination of brain injury resource information (e.g., written information, links to websites, referrals to community resources, etc.) to educators, families, and community providers working with students with brain injury

## **BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Teams Serve the Following Types of Brain Injuries:**

- Complicated concussions (mild TBI), moderate and severe Traumatic Brain Injuries caused by sports/recreational activities, falls, assault, abuse, motor vehicle crashes (includes bicycle), pedestrian accidents, and shaken baby syndrome.
- Non-Traumatic Brain Injuries caused by strokes, brain tumors, aneurysms, lack of oxygen to the brain, lightning strikes, near drownings, seizure disorders, brain infections (encephalitis, meningitis), toxic or metabolic injuries, and viruses.

## **Who Should be Members of Your BOCES/District's BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Team?**

District/BOCES-based professionals who:

- have flexibility in their schedules to attend brain injury trainings/meetings and to provide technical assistance, consultation and training
- have demonstrated a desire and commitment to be a part of a BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Team
- are from a variety of disciplines (e.g., school psychologists, nurses, therapists, administrators, etc.)

***For more information about establishing a BrainSTEPS CO Brain Injury Consulting Team in your district/BOCES contact, either:***

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