



Implementation of the HRSA grant in the Alliance catchment area:

Presentation to Traumatic Brain Injury Subcommittee of the Joint
Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

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- Currently, callers contact the Access Center for Alliance Behavior Health Care for service related needs.
- This is our 24/7 call center
- Presently someone must self-identify that they have experienced and/or been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury.
- Moving forward, as part the HRSA grant (2014-2018), Alliance will begin piloting a screening process.

- Considerations to beginning screening:
 1. data collection methods
 2. who will do the screening?
 3. pre-screenings vs. full screenings

Prescreening might consist of using these 2 questions. If either was answered as yes, a full screening would be given.

1. Have you ever hit your head or been hit on the head, including being told you had a concussion?
2. Did you lose consciousness or experience a period of being dazed and/or confused because of the injury to your head?

- Alliance is a member of the TBI Grant Steering Committee.
- This committee is made up of representatives from DMH/DD/SAS, the MCO, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Disability Rights of NC and TBI service providers.
- This partnership is currently working to develop what a full screening tool might look like based on the needs of the local community.

- Individuals that have a positive screening would be referred to the Brain Injury Association of NC (BIANC) for additional information.
- The Resource Facilitator position, available as part of the HRSA grant and an employee of BIANC will be available to Alliance staff for assistance in identifying what TBI resources/services are available.
- BIANC will also conduct any needed trainings for providers that may be serving individuals diagnosed with a TBI.