

## In the Spotlight: [www.mitbitraining.org](http://www.mitbitraining.org)

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The Michigan Department of Community Health has announced a new web-based training for providers who serve clients with traumatic brain injury (TBI). This training was developed in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of Michigan, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Outcomes and Policy at the Michigan Public Health Institute, and funded in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The training, which is publicly available at [www.mitbitraining.org](http://www.mitbitraining.org) at no cost, includes four, easy-to-use modules. Each module provides critical information about brain injury in a format that is understandable and practical. The first module provides an overview of the significance of TBI and introduces brain functioning. The second module describes common physical, behavioral, and cognitive impairments associated with TBI, as well as strategies for interacting with clients with brain injuries. The third module describes a basic screening tool for TBI. Finally, the fourth module describes public services available in Michigan for eligible persons with TBI. The entire training takes about three hours to complete. The training is self-paced, such that it can be completed over the course of multiple sittings. In addition, the site provides an extensive resource list and a glossary of terms.

Although the training has only been available a short time, it has already

received extremely positive feedback at both the state and national levels. For example, Dr. John Corrigan from the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Ohio State University wrote:

“Introducing professionals to the complex issues surrounding brain injury is no easy task, but the Michigan Brain Injury Training website has distilled the most important information and made it available in an easily accessible format. Professionals who have not worked with clients with brain injury will find this introduction concise and practical. The case examples and use of video reinforce the information presented in each module. Nicely done!”

Too often TBI goes unrecognized and untreated. This training gives service providers the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the causes and consequences of TBI, as well as practical tools for meeting the needs of injured individuals.

Continuing education credit will soon be available for this training. For more information about the training or the availability of CE credit, please contact Clare Tanner at [ctanner@mphi.org](mailto:ctanner@mphi.org) or 517-324-7381.

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