

The Federal Traumatic Brain
Injury Program
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Civilian TBI in the U.S.

- 90,000 Americans annually sustain a TBI with long-term, sometimes lifelong consequences
- Estimated annual cost is more than \$60 Billion and likely to rise with better detection and increased screening.
- Current prison studies, worldwide, indicate 60-80% have had a TBI prior to prison entry.

Federal TBI Program

- Established in 1996, has given grants to 48 States, D.C. & 5 Territories
- To build statewide systems of services and supports for those with TBI & their families (IPG awards)
- 57 grants to State Protection & Advocacy Organizations to preserve rights
- TBI Technical Assistance Center serves grantees and the public

Serving People in Communities

- Our Program Help To:
 - Educate & train staff from key health organizations;
 - Connect individuals & families with appropriate and accessible services;
 - Develop eligibility criteria for services;
 - Recommend tools and implement screenings
 - Raise awareness where needed-Coaches, Judges, Police, School Nurses, etc.

More ways we can help

- Our Protection and Advocacy Grantees provide self-advocacy training and provide legal counsel for civilians and military with TBI
- We serve National Guard and Reserve who wish to bypass MTFs and VA facilities. [ex. 600 pt. client load]
- We educate families of military members about TBI and what to expect

Program Impact

- With a \$9 M Annual Budget, we try to help those not getting the help they need, and many, many still are not.
- The 2006 IOM Study of our Program stated:
“...HRSA’s TBI Program has produced demonstrable, beneficial change in organizational infrastructure and increased the visibility of TBI—essential conditions for improving TBI service systems.”

Caregivers and TBI

- Important to our program, and also to the DOD
- DOD Health Board sub-committee to create “A curriculum for caregivers of service members with a TBI”
- Multimedia effort, with interactive pieces
- Had to be friendly and accessible and coordinate well with other media

A Caregiver's Guide to TBI: The Journey to Recovery

- Module #1: Introduction to TBI
- Module #2: Understanding the Effects of TBI and What You Can Do to Help
- Module #3: Becoming a Family Caregiver for a Service Member/Veteran with TBI
- Module #4: Navigating Services and Benefits

TBI Technical Assistance Center

TBITAC

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