

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

ALABAMA

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Federal TBI Program

More than 3.17M Americans live with a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Many of these individuals and their families are confronted with inadequate or unavailable TBI services and supports. Passage of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (PL 104-166) signaled a national recognition of the need to improve state TBI service systems. The Act authorized the Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants to States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

Lead State Agency

AL Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS)

Alabama's Grant History

Alabama has received \$2,086,146 in Federal TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched the Federal grants with approximately \$1,104,315.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2011

■ * Added by 2011
 ■ ** Maintained or Regained
 ■ *** Lost by 2011

Advisory Council or Task Force	TBI Registry/ Surveillance	TBI Medicaid Waiver	Head Injury Division in State Department	Dedicated Funding for TBI Programs	State Funding for TBI Programs
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Grant Objectives

1. Expand the statewide system of care for children and youth with TBI that are unidentified and unserved and/or underserved, with particular focus on those in rural communities.
2. Increase access to neurobehavioral health services for children, youth and adults with TBI.

Progress

- Appointed an Ombudsman who represents the needs of people with TBI by participation in all Grant activities and attendance at all state meetings.
- Held Alabama Citizen Advocacy Institutes that trained and empowered consumers and families in advocacy and policy issues to create a larger more effective impetus for legislation and sustainable financially supported systems change.

- Developed a virtual Outreach and Education Guide to provide training to service providers, agencies and organizations. Trained agencies and organizations about TBI issues: how to refer to the TBI System, how to identify /screen for TBI and how to appropriately serve people with TBI.
- Created an Education and Training Committee of the Alabama Head Injury Task Force to develop an "Annual Training Plan for TBI" based on surveys of statewide training needs.
- Partnered with the Alabama Disabilities Leadership Coalition to effect legislative and policy changes necessary to provide long term services and supports for all adults with disabilities including TBI.

Continuing Effort

Passed the Alabama Sports Concussion Bill requiring all athletic organizations statewide to hold out any athletic participant suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated & cleared by a physician; all coaches must be trained on recognizing sports related concussions & their role in the process; and youth sports organizations must provide pertinent information and forms to inform and educate youth athletes & their parents/guardians of the nature & risk of concussion/brain injury & including continuing to play after suspected concussion or brain injury.

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