

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

ALASKA

Special Congressional Grant: 9/1/09-8/31/10

Federal TBI Program

More than 3.17 million 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

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS)

Alaska's Grant History

Alaska has received \$1,119,729 in Federal TBI Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched the Federal grants with approximately \$852,116.

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

Alaska currently does not have Federal TBI Program Implementation Partnership State Grant.

Progress

- Established in 2010, the State of Alaska continues development of the Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury Program including planning, development of a longitudinal registry, and targeted case management.
- SDS now has a budget of \$500,000 dedicated to TBI services. Services include Mini Grants and Case Management intended to assist people with TBI increase their independence in the community.
- In collaboration with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority "Trust Training Cooperative," a five-part TBI distance-delivered training program was developed and piloted to 36

individuals. The program is now available on an on-going basis as a web-based offering.

- HB 15, "Student Athlete Concussions" was passed by the Alaska Legislature during the 2010 session and signed into law.
- A state of Alaska "Interagency Leadership Group" was formed and meets regularly to promote interdepartmental collaboration toward development of a sustainable TBI system of services.
- The Alaska Department of Corrections has implemented a new screening tool that includes questions about TBI. In addition, the Alaska Aging and Disability Resource Center network (ADRC) has added TBI screening to their assessment process.
- The Alaska TBI program is in the process of hiring a Research Analyst as lead planner for the TBI Longitudinal Registry.

Continuing Effort

Senior and Disabilities Services and the TBI Advisory Board, the Alaska Brain Injury Network, made joint recommendations to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for the FY13 budget. Funding was approved for operation of the TBI Advisory Board, Information and Referral, and a research analyst and longitudinal registry support. ABIN has also made General Fund/Mental Health budget recommendations and will continue to advocate for additional state funds to support the State of Alaska ATBI Program.

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