# **Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet**

## ARIZONA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/13 http://www.azheadspine.org

# 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

Department of Economic Security, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries

## Arizona's Grant History

Arizona has received \$1,505,905 in TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched these Federal grants with \$1,008,839.

#### Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2011

	* Add	ed by 2011	** Maintained or Regained *** Lost by 2011			
Ī	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**

- Enhance culturally-appropriate services and resources that support youth ages 15-19 with TBI who are transitioning from pediatric services to the adult service delivery systems, and their families.
- 2. Enhance services and resources for wounded warriors with TBI and their families in order to support warrior transitions.

#### **Progress**

Held the first educational conference for families
of youth with TBI and are planning a second to
be held in 2012; 100% of respondents said they
learned something new, that what they learned
will make a difference in their lives, and that they
are more connected to resources. Are in the

- process of planning three youth-engagement sessions, with concurrent educational/support sessions for family members. Educational sessions for educators throughout the state are continuing (3 levels: TBI 101, 202, and 303).
- Held a conference for service members and veterans with TBI and their families; 100% of respondents said they learned something new, that what they learned will make a difference in their lives, and that they are more connected to their community and resources; the next conference is being planned. In partnership with military partners, helped plan and deliver professional education to enhance the capacity of service providers.
- Continued to enhance the capacity of the BIAAZ to serve as ombudsman for youth and service members/veterans with TBI and their families.
- Developed and are in the process of implementing an enhanced information and referral database housed at the BIAAZ.

# **Continuing Effort**

The plan is to continue to collaborate with youth transition and military partners to strengthen the provision of information and education to survivors, their families, and professionals, both on-line and through direct contact.

## For Further Information

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