

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## COLORADO

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/07-3/31/10

### 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

Department of Human Services, Office of Self Sufficiency, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

### Colorado's Grant History

Colorado has received \$1,261,540 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched the Federal grants with approximately \$926,273.

### 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. Increase appropriate and effective identification, assessment, interventions, transitions, and successful outcomes of school aged individuals with TBI.
2. Develop community based behavioral health provider expertise regarding deployment-related traumatic brain injury screening, assessment, and treatment.
3. Increase the number of individuals with brain injury and family members who are effective leaders at the individual, community and statewide level.

### Progress

- In a partnership, CO TBI Trust Fund has hired 1.5FTE at the Colorado Department of Education to implement education initiative and the new children's Trust Fund program.

- Contracting with experts at the Denver VA, MIREC to implement the mental health initiative of the HRSA grant to conduct focus groups with all the Behavioral Health Organizations how community mental health serves individuals with TBI, specifically OEF/OIF veterans. Will be hosting a consensus conference resulting in the compilation of best practice guidelines for assessment/evaluation and treatment for individuals with co-occurring TBI and mental illness.
- Contracting with two parents of young adults with TBI and partnering with CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment to facilitate the development of family leadership through the Family Leadership Training Institute.

### Continuing Effort

Aside from the HRSA grant, Colorado has a very active TBI Trust Fund. This Trust Fund has a focus of Education, Research and Services. Additionally, the TBI Program has partnered with the Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado to hire a 1.0 FTE Community Outreach Coordinator. This individual is furthering the work of the Brain Injury Professional Networks (formally known as the CIRCLE groups) which continue to thrive across Colorado. Finally, Colorado continues to address the recommendations outlined in the Executive Order Report on TBI that was issued to Colorado's Governor in 2009.

### For Further Information

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