

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

CONNECTICUT

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/09

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 Social Services

Connecticut's Grant History

Connecticut has received \$447,750 in Federal TBI Planning and Implementation Partnership grants. The State has matched the Federal grants with approximately \$265,647. Granted ended in March 2009.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2011

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

Advisory Board/ Council	TB I 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

Connecticut currently does not have a Federal TBI State Program Implementation Partnership grant.

Progress

- Conducted a statewide TBI awareness and outreach initiative including underserved/unserved communities.
- Created screening tool which was tested with inmates in the correctional system
- Developed a community college based education/training program (TBI Institute) for caregivers to individuals with BI.
- Developed and disseminated culturally/linguistically appropriate brochures on TBI.
- Language specific literature on TBI for families with children with disabilities/special health care needs & fathers.

- Trained Head Start administrators, teachers and clinical staff on TBI.
- Developed outreach & education/training for organizations working with CSHCN, domestic violence & an advocacy organization.
- Convened a multi-disciplinary televised forum on traumatic brain injury in children.
- Created poster on concussions & sports (children).

Continuing Effort

Using a culturally and linguistically inclusive model, continually moving towards coordinated integrated services for individuals with BI. Continuing to pursue minimum standards for providers along with continuing to offer workshops & trainings. The project coordinator now works with domestic violence. Also, continued involvement with the New England Veterans Collaborative (MA initiative) staffed by MA.

Creating linkages between BI disabilities & health disparities. Continuing contact/relationship with the TBI Advisory Board. Continuing the ongoing community based Medicaid waiver.

For Further Information

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