Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

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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.

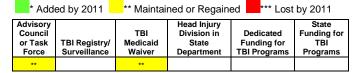
Lead State Agency

Idaho State University-Institute of Rural Health.

Idaho's Grant History

Idaho has received \$1,817,814 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$928,141 in matching support.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2011



Grant Objectives (2009-2013)

- Establish a trust fund to benefit civilian and military personnel with TBI and their families.
- 2. Move TBI Advisory Council forward.
- 3. Support families of returning service members with TBI.
- 4. Monitor Idaho's TBI Medicaid waiver and trauma registry.

Progress

- Solidified a sponsor and drafted trust fund legislation during the past legislative session.
 Exploring creation of a special license plate as a potential funding mechanism.
- Secured non-profit status for our statewide TBI advisory council.
- Activated and utilized a monthly chat and blog feature for spouses of returning service members via Idaho's TBI Virtual Program Center. http://www.idahotbi.org/

- Presented a second national 6-part TBI webinar series with topics specific to military personnel with TBI and their families. 1200 registered and 600 virtual chairs were filled representing 46 states and Calgary, Canada. A total of 182 questions were generated and addressed by nationally renowned experts. Results were presented at the NABIS conference and a publication featured in IBIA's peer reviewed web based newsletter is planned. A third series is slated for spring 2012.
- Facilitated an assembly across 5-high schools involving over 300 students, and a town hall meeting in collaboration with Sarah Jane Brain Foundation's 2011 National Pediatric Brain Injury Tour.
- Appointed member of Idaho Veteran's Sanctuary Program, the first transition and support program of its kind in the United Sates, to the TBI Advisory Council to respond to the urgent need for veteran's services expressed by veteran's groups throughout the country. http://www.isu.edu/veterans/

Continuing Effort

Idaho continues its work with longitudinal needs and resource data collection. A 7th assessment will be completed in 2011-2012. In addition, the TBI Virtual Program Center (VPC) continues to evolve. Nearly 60 hours of instruction dating back to 2003 can be viewed, including the spring 2011 series presented via Webinar format.

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Go to https://tbitac.norc.org for information on additional State TBI activities.