

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

INDIANA

Planning and Implementation Partnership Grant 04/01/06-03/31/13

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

IN Family & Social Services Administration – Division of Disability & Rehabilitative Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Svcs.

Indiana's Grant History

Indiana has received \$1,099,218 in Federal TBI Implementation Partnership Grants and has provided \$586,851 in in-kind matching support.

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. Establish the Indiana Brain Injury Leadership Board (IBILB) and a state-to-local system of support where Resource Facilitation (RF) returns 60% of people with Brain Injury (BI) from acute inpatient rehabilitation to work or to school.
2. Develop five regional Local Support Networks (LSNs) and provide education and training.
3. Develop outcomes measurement strategies & best practices for RF in BI w/MN & IA RF programs; develop system metrics to enhance return-to-work & return-to-school (RTW & RTS) outcomes.
4. Expand the existing RF Database to allow for field-edited data collection and to assure the availability of performance-based metrics reporting.

Progress

- Indiana's TBI Grant RF Return-to-Work (RTW) Study resulted in an article being published in the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation.
- The RF Group resulted in 64% being employed compared to 36% employed in the Control Group.
- Partnered with Indiana P&A to initiate an Economic Impact Study on BI.
- The study revealed if 64% of estimated 1,003 individuals with BI could avoid an estimated \$31M annually in lost wages.

- Quarterly Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) TBI Counselor Specialist Webinars and Local Support Network (LSN) Symposia occurring.
- LSNs receive referrals & provide BI RF Services to enhance RTW & RTS outcomes.
- Development is progressing for two remaining LSNs with plans to roll-out services by year's end.
- HRSA TBI Grant and BI Study were the basis for a recent presentation to state legislators by the Brain Injury Study Committee. This volunteer committee seeks to encourage legislation for: serving those with TBI in Indiana (instead of in other states), provide RF Services to support RTW & RTS outcomes, and establish a BI Commission to oversee quality and coordination of services.
- The presentation to legislators was suggested by an Indiana Senator and member of our HRSA TBI Grant, IN Brain Injury Leadership Board.

Continuing Effort

The HRSA TBI Implementation Partnership Grant is being used to collaborate with various divisions, agencies, and partners to build a state-to-local system of brain injury supports called Local Support Networks. The first three LSNs are operating and providing RF Services. Two additional LSNs are scheduled for operation by year's end. Indiana's statewide systems change for TBI will include a total of five LSNs - one in each of the five state Vocational Rehabilitation Services Regions. The grant's lead state agency representative, Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, is providing RF Services to a maximum of 300 qualified individuals who have goals of return-to-work or return-to-school. Indiana is optimistic that Resource Facilitation will continue to result in positive return-to-work and return-to-school outcomes.

For Further Information

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