

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

MAINE

Implementation Grant: 4/1/08-3/31/11

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 Health and Human Services, Office of Adults with Cognitive & Physical Disabilities, Brain Injury Services.

Maine's Grant History

Maine has received \$850,000 in Federal TBI Planning and Implementation Grants. The State has provided \$570,626 in 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

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

Progress

- Established BI Advisory Council in law & requiring annual public hearings & reports to Legislature.
- Legislature and Governor established new statutes defining service system for brain injury, responsibilities of DHHS, and requiring policies to implement statutes (Sept 2011).
- Established and enhanced the BI Information Network (BIIN), a virtual collaborative of 28 stakeholder organizations to meet information & referral needs statewide.

- Revised a comprehensive BI Needs Assessment incorporating current data & studies conducted within DHHS.
- Expanded specialized residential services to individuals with brain injuries by 25%.
- Conducted statewide forums on Brain Injury & Children, Domestic Violence, Homelessness, Complex Behaviors
- Provided statewide training programs
- increased ACBIS certified providers by 400%
- Created collaborative to continue development and refinement of a skills training for direct care professionals

Continuing Effort

- Conduct annual public hearings on TBI needs/gaps.
- Update the Needs Assessment annually and publish.
- Funded study of employment of persons with brain injury in Maine (2011).
- Hold another Forum – “Brain Injury & Employment” (December 2011)
- Continue to work toward long term viability of the Brain Injury Information Network
- Ongoing collaborative effort to refine skills training for direct care professionals
- Apply for Waiver funding for brain injury services

For Further Information

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