

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

MASSACHUSETTS

Implementation Partnership Grant 4/1/06 – 3/31/13

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

Rehabilitation Commission, Division of Community Living, Brain Injury & Statewide Specialized Community Services Department (BI&SSCS)

Massachusetts' Grant History

Massachusetts has received \$1,684,808 in Federal TBI Implementation and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided \$1,304,147 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

1. Establish a New England Collaborative (NEC) as a regional model for improving service systems for returning Veterans with TBI and their families.
2. Outreach to and identify veterans who are women and/or from diverse communities.
3. Increase the number of OIF/OEF civilian soldiers applying to the Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP).
4. Improve identification, linkages and services for individuals with TBI from the Latino community, through collaboration with a community-based minority organization.

Progress

- The NEC has an established membership of civilian and military organizations along with state and federal agency representatives from throughout New England and is finishing three

primary action items which were identified as high priority

- Redevelopment of posters targeting veterans with TBI using images which immediately resonate with veterans and less pejorative language while delivering more information to the veteran on signs/symptoms as well as contact information for help
- Outreach to women and minority veterans continues with specific targeting by activities, locations and new signage
- Increased overall referrals of veterans with TBI to SHIP and collaboration with the VA to access benefits.
- Increased presence at all veteran-related events including Stand Downs, pre and post mobilization events
- Specifically targeting Native American population through outreach at Powwows and other culturally specific events
- Continued training and education of individuals who are presenting TBI awareness and other outreach events in Spanish within the Latino community

Continuing Effort

A Systems change priority identified in the Massachusetts TBI State Action Plan is focused on assisting people with brain injuries living in nursing homes to transition to community settings. This effort has been enhanced by a class action settlement agreement and the development of two ABI HCB Waivers.

For Further Information

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