

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

NEBRASKA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/09-3/31/13

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

Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation

Nebraska's Grant History

Nebraska has received \$1,550,000 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$803,122 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. Increase knowledge and skills of providers and agency staff with a focus on service delivery systems for children (0-4), juvenile detainees, service members and veterans of OIF/OEF and the elderly.
2. Build system capacity to provide services to individuals with brain injuries and their families, with a focus on service delivery systems for children (0-4), juvenile detainees, service members and veterans of OIF/OEF and the elderly.

Progress

- With grant support, the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska developed a strategic plan leading to self-sufficiency by 2013 and now serves as TBI Ombudsman for the state. The BIA-NE was

instrumental in the passage of LB 260, the Concussion Awareness Act.

- In the first 3 years, the TBI Registry mailed 27,476 follow-up letters to individuals diagnosed with TBI, averaging 763 per month. Many attended the Annual Brain Injury Conference, which experienced a record attendance of 270.
- A comprehensive, statewide TBI Needs and Resources Assessment was completed by the TBI Advisory Council in partnership with BIA-NE.
- Local pediatric clinics and daycare centers collaborated in a validation study of a TBI screening tool for children ages 0 - 3 years.
- Brain Injury/Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder training for behavioral health and other service providers, the Annual Brain Injury Conference, and Making Cognitive Connections iPod Touch Training increased the knowledge and skill levels of professionals providing direct services to individuals with brain injury.

Continuing Effort

Nebraska's priority is to build a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, easily accessible system of care for individuals experiencing brain injury, and to ensure awareness and training for partners in the system.

For Further Information

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