# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## **NEW JERSEY**

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/09 http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/oias/tbis/

## 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 Human Services, Division of Disability Services

## New Jersey's Grant History

New Jersey has received \$1,194,108 in Federal TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$814,736 in matching support.

#### Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2011



## **Grant Objectives**

New Jersey currently does not have a Federal TBI Program Implementation Partnership Grant.

#### **Progress**

- Developed a mentor-training program for family members and individuals with TBI.
- Expanded the capacity of hospital chaplains and community clergy to support individuals with TBI and their families.
- Created a desk guide and training program for employment service professionals to improve service to individuals with TBI seeking employment.
- Developed an urban pilot for outreach and support for persons with TBI in underserved populations with a community agency.

## **Continuing Effort**

New Jersey also integrates TBI in other disability initiatives, including Olmstead Planning and its CMS' Real Choice Systems Change Grant. With the establishment of the NJ TBI Fund (\$3.4 million annually) and a Brain Injury Research Fund, New Jersey has gained a significant boost toward the sustainability of its system changes efforts initiated with the TBI State grants.

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