

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## NEW MEXICO

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/09

### 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

Human Services Department

### New Mexico's Grant History

New Mexico has received \$937,200 in a Federal TBI Implementation and Implementation Partnership Grants. New Mexico has provided approximately \$486,523 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

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

### Progress

- Completed the first of three FY12 Empowerment Project sessions to provide advocacy training for 25 participants with Brain Injury, family supports, and professionals working with Brain Injury.
- Completed 6 Public Forums around the State of NM to gather input from stakeholders on the NM Brain Injury Services Fund Program. Public input will be used to improve services.
- Restructured the array of services contracted through The Brain Injury Alliance of NM (BIANM), formerly known as The Brain Injury Association of NM, which has recently joined the Western States Brain Injury Alliance. BIANM is to hire Brain Injury Partners, or system navigators, who provide assistance to Individuals with Brain

Injury, who do not have access to either short- or long-term services.

- Partnered with key Brain Injury staff at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to assist them in revising the criteria for providing employment assistance to Individuals with Brain Injury, who do not meet Order of Selection criteria for severe brain injury.
- Implemented the new Mi Via Self-Directed Waiver in April 2011.

### Continuing Effort

- Distribution continues at the State and Federal level of the DVD for Medical Professionals, entitled "The Silent Epidemic: Mild Traumatic Brain Injury", as well as the DVDs for Head Start Providers and Native American Community Health Representatives, respectively entitled "In Harm's Way" and "The Critical Link". Two related CMEs, posted for free online credit at <http://www.btflearning.org/go/Home>, continue to be available. All DVD productions are available for public viewing at <http://www.brainline.org/>.
- Distribution of child safety helmets continues Statewide in conjunction with a Head Start/Pre-K educational campaign, using an adult/child activity coloring book, *Let's Talk Helmet Safety*, featuring Helmutt the Helmet Safety Dog. Produced by and distributed through the Brain Injury Advisory Council.

### For Further Information

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Go to <https://tbitac.norc.org> for information on additional State TBI activities.