# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

# **NORTH CAROLINA**

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 Heath and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

#### North Carolina's Grant History

North Carolina has received \$1,789,965 in Federal TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided \$998,890 as 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	TBI Program in State Department	Dedicated Funding for TBI Programs	State Funding for TBI Programs
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#### **Grant Objectives**

- Increase acess to community-based services for social support, cognitive training, and prevocational services for those with TBI.
- 2. Prepare families with knowledge and strategies to successfully address barriers in accessing community help and related services.
- Increase competence of substance abuse providers in the community for improved identification and treatment of individuals with TBI.

#### **Progress**

- Developed training in state psychiatric/alcohol & drug facilities.
- Opened two clubhouses.
- Implemented substance abuse provider training.
- Implemented statewide ombudsman program.

#### **Continuing Effort**

In addition to the systems changes addressed by the TBI grants, the North Carolina TBI State Action Plan has identified a need to increase public awareness about TBI-related issues, develop programs that include pre-vocational and vocational rehabilitation with therapies, secure financing to support local services and support programs, and continue to improve a regional information and resources infrastructure. Work will continue on a TBI waiver and TBI residential licensing rules.

#### For Further Information

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