

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division

South Carolina's Grant History

South Carolina has received approximately \$1,182,200 in Federal TBI State Planning, Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided roughly \$586,600 in matching support, the majority as cash match.

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

South Carolina currently does not have a Federal TBI Program Implementation Partnership Grant.

Progress

- DDSN initiated the "Community Opportunities" model, including a Resource/Drop-In Center, Individual Rehabilitation Supports, and a Vocational Interests and Productivity (VIP) program in four areas of the State.
- University of South Carolina Center for Disability Resources (UCEDD) established a continuing TBI Training Institute.

- South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department opened new Brain Injury Program within its Comprehensive Services Center and has other specially trained personnel.

Continuing Effort

Although South Carolina has a basic service structure in place, important areas of need and systems development remain:

- increased public awareness of TBI
- better access to information about TBI and linkage to services and resources
- post-acute rehabilitation specialized for TBI
- special education and related services
- individual supports for personal care and ADLs
- employment and residential options
- ongoing training for staff and professionals
- strong BIAA state affiliate and network of effective local support groups

For Further Information

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