

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## TENNESSEE

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

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### 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 system changes.

### Lead State Agency

Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services, Health Services Medical Section

### Tennessee's Grant History

Tennessee has received \$1,850,000 in Federal TBI Implementation and Post-Demonstration Grants. The State has provided approximately \$1,025,000 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. Improve the knowledge of school personnel and other professionals working with children with TBI to provide optimal educational outcomes for those children and their families.
2. Expand on Project Brain's capacity to improve the linkage between hospitals and schools in the development of supports for children and youth with TBI.

### Progress

- Developed a TBI curriculum entitled "Brain Injury 101: Supporting Students with Brain Injury in the Classroom" to provide information to those serving students with TBI.
- Developed an interactive CD-ROM "Welcome to our School!" as a learning tool for educators, healthcare professionals and related service providers who work with students that have TBI.
- Established 18 multidisciplinary Resource Teams of education professionals.
- Developed a training tool entitled "Partners in Communication: Supporting Student Transitions, Hospital to Home to School" to train healthcare providers serving children and youth with TBI.
- Developed a hospital-school transition intervention which will provide hospitals with a simple, consistent process for linking TBI patients and their parents with school personnel.

### Continuing Effort

Tennessee's TBI State Action Plan has identified the need to secure sustainable financial support for TBI services and supports, improve access to the information individuals with TBI and their families need to access services in their communities, and to improve service coordination.

### For Further Information

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