

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

VIRGINIA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/13

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 system changes.

Lead State Agency

Department of Rehabilitative Services

Virginia's Grant History

Virginia has received \$1,831,885 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$914,445 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. Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University will develop, administer, and utilize a TBI screening tool that will be given to every Juvenile that enters into the Virginia DJJ System.
2. Facilitate funding, policy and program initiatives to assist Virginians with brain injury who have low socioeconomic resources.
3. Increase access to resources for individuals with brain injury, family members, caregivers, and professionals; strengthen the infrastructure of brain injury services in Virginia.

Progress

- Worked with researchers to develop and pilot a screening tool to be used for when admitting youth to the juvenile justice system. Provided outreach mailing to 4,145 individuals; disseminated over 11,175 pieces of literature to professionals.
- Provided training or presentations to over 200 professionals.
- Created two workgroups to establish protocol for accessing mental health services for individuals who are in crisis, and to develop a "white paper" for neurobehavioral treatment options for individuals who are considered low socioeconomic status.
- Expanded participation on the Virginia Brain Injury Council by adding representatives from several state agencies; appointed two Family Ombudsmen (one paid, one unpaid).

Continuing Effort

Virginia has identified a work plan to: disseminate and implement its Brain Injury Action Plan 2009-2013; enhance Virginia's infrastructure for delivery of core services by seeking additional State funding; and advocate for State/Federal approval to fund a Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver.

For Further Information

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