

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## RHODE ISLAND

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

Department of Human Services

### Rhode Island's Grant History

Rhode Island has received \$990,555 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$522,295 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

Rhode Island currently does not have a Federal TBI Program Implementation Partnership Grant.

### Progress

- Established a TBI Resource Center in an accessible storefront location.
- Increased telephone queries and walk-ins to the TBI Resource Center by 300 percent—most likely due to the more than 8,000 fact sheets (in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Cambodian) and emergency medical technician cards (in English and Spanish) distributed statewide, plus radio broadcasts and a television news story.

### Continuing Effort

Future activities include increasing public awareness of the causes and consequences of TBI, improving the TBI knowledge and skills of health and service professionals, improving access to information and resources on TBI for individuals with TBI and families, improving service coordination statewide, and a greater focus on person-centered services and supports, among other issues. Legislation has been introduced to expand the Governor's Permanent Advisory Council and to establish a trust fund to pay for expanded services for people with TBI and their families.

### For Further Information

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