

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

ALASKA

Protection and Advocacy Grant: 10/1/09 – 9/30/13

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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 State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems for the purpose of planning and assessing the States' P&A responsiveness to TBI issues to ensure that P&A services will be delivered appropriately to individuals with TBI and their families.

P&A System

Disability Law Center of Alaska

AK P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Alaska has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of \$50,000 each, for a total of \$500,000.

Grant Objectives

1. Provide self-advocacy training to individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families.
2. Disseminate information to rural areas on education rights and appropriate educational programming for students with traumatic brain injury.
3. Increase outreach and services to the homeless and veterans groups.
4. Collaborate with Alaska TBI Advisory Board, support groups and prevention agencies.

Progress

- Collaborated with the Alaska Brain Injury Network Advisory Board through project staff serving on committees.
- Train TBI support groups facilitated by the Independent Living Centers.
- Disseminated information on education rights and best practices to rural areas.

- Conducted monthly outreach at homeless shelter and veterans domiciliary.

Continuing Effort

Disability Law Center of Alaska will continue to implement its grant objectives with special emphasis on outreach to the military—specifically the Wounded Warrior program. DLC will also continue to provide advocacy for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and supports to meet their needs.

For Further Information

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