

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

## ALABAMA

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**

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP)

### **AL P&A's Grant History**

Since 2002, Alabama has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$50,000+ each, for a total of \$501,000.

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Advocate for appropriate treatment, individual rights, services, and access for adults with a TBI, both in institutional and community settings by providing individual case services and information and referral services.
2. Provide outreach and education/training services to adults and children with TBI.
3. Advocate for the provision of appropriate educational programs, including but not limited to, transition, discipline, LRE, and mental and behavioral services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Act and Section 504, to school children with TBI.

### **Progress**

- Monitored the DMH facilities, Partlow Developmental Center and Bryce Hospital, to ensure individual rights and freedom as well as enhance the quality of life for persons with TBI.

- Provided education/training services to over 200 individuals including those with TBI and their families.
- Provided individual case services and information & referral services to children and adults with TBI to ensure they receive appropriate services and treatment.
- Participated in systemic advocacy by attending statewide committee meetings to assist persons with TBI and families in developing appropriate services and strengthening the system of care for Alabamians with TBI.

### **Continuing Effort**

ADAP will continue to provide individual case services and information & referral for individuals with TBI, outreach & education/training, and systemic efforts regarding the rights of those with TBI.

### **For Further Information**

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