

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

AMERICAN SAMOA

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

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 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

American Samoa Office of Protection and Advocacy

American Samoa's P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, American Samoa has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of \$20,000, for a total of \$200,000.

Grant Objectives

1. Assist in the development of territorial capacities to serve individuals with TBI and their families.
2. Provide current information and referral services to individuals with TBI and their families regarding available advocacy services, related support services, and service providers.
3. Provide culturally appropriate consultation to and representation for the TBI community when such services become necessary to protect their rights.
4. Conduct outreach and awareness activities to provide education and training to individuals with TBI and their families regarding advocacy services, service providers, and related support services.
5. Provide training in self-advocacy and self-determination for individuals with TBI and their families.

Progress

- Provided advocacy, referral and monitoring services
- Continue to provide awareness regarding TBI and important facts
- Conducted outreach to underserved communities.

Continuing Effort

The Office of Protection and Advocacy continues to implement the grant objectives and 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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