

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

CALIFORNIA

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

<http://www.disabilityrightsca.org>

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 Rights California

CA P&A's Grant History

Since 2003, California has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$100,000+ each, for a total of \$1,259,032.

Grant Objectives

1. Increase awareness in the TBI community about Disability Rights California's advocacy services and the rights of individuals with TBI to community living services and supports.
2. Develop or modify existing materials outlining available services and supports from Disability Rights California.
3. Translate these materials into Spanish and one Asian language.
4. Provide training and presentations to individuals with TBI and providers to include a focus on reaching culturally diverse communities as part of the outreach effort.
5. Increase the understanding and capacity of Disability Rights California to serve the TBI community.
6. Prepare and disseminate information to the Disability Rights California staff and board about the TBI project.

7. Increase number of TBI clients served by Disability Rights California.
8. Ensure participation of the TBI community in the California Olmstead planning process.

Progress

- Provided direct services to individuals with TBI in 296 cases for the 2010 reporting period.
- Disseminated a brochure and fact sheet regarding services available from Disability Rights California. Brochures are available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.
- Expanded the number of Disability Rights California staff members working on TBI state project.
- Provided 5 outreach/training to individuals with TBI and family members.
- Participated on California's TBI Statewide Advisory Board/Council.

Continuing Effort

Disability Rights California will continue to implement its grant objectives and provide advocacy for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and supports to meet their needs.

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