

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

## COLORADO

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**

Center for Legal Advocacy

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

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

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Assist individuals in addressing housing problems such as evictions and accommodations.
2. Assist students with traumatic brain injury in special education cases when their TBI is clearly not being acknowledged or accommodated.
3. Assist military veterans with traumatic brain injuries get appropriate services from military or civilian providers and are not being discriminated against due to their disability.
4. Assist individuals in appealing terminations from Federal or State funded programs.

### **Progress**

- Participate on the TBI Statewide Advisory Board.
- Served 74 individuals under the PATBI grant. Provided Information & Referral services to an additional 233 individuals.
- Continue to co-facilitate the western Colorado CIRCLE group to network service providers, families and survivors.

### **Continuing Effort**

Center for Legal Advocacy 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.

### **For Further Information**

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