

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

GUAM

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

Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC)

GUAM P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Promote public awareness of TBI and the prevention of traumatic brain injury on Guam.
2. Individuals with TBI will have access to appropriate services, benefits and rights under applicable local and federal laws affecting individuals with disabilities.
3. Individuals with TBI, their families, and other service providers will continue their collaboration to ensure the planning, delivery and receipt of services for individuals with TBI.

Progress

- GLSC-DLC assessed the Department of Education's lack of appropriate services for children and youth with TBI receiving special education services. GLSC-DLC advocated for assistive technology devices and services to meet their needs. In addition, GLSC-DLC reviewed the department coordination to improve the services and delivery to children and youth identified.
- GLSC-DLC also conducted outreach to teachers and related service providers on the awareness of student's with brain injury and other behavioral disorders.
- GLSC-DLC advocated for appropriate behavioral plans, therapy and rehabilitation for children and youth identified as having characteristics of TBI and receiving some form of government service.

Continuing Effort

Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center will continue to implement the grant objectives and provide advocacy for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and supports to meet their needs.

In addition, GLSC-DLC will resume ad publications in the local newspaper on a quarterly basis. Collaborate with other service providers and family members to expand existing family networks, services and supports for individuals with TBI and their families.

For Further Information

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