

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

HAWAI'I

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

Hawai'i Disability Rights Center

HI P&A's Grant History

Since 2003, Hawai'i has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$50,000 each, for a total of \$450,000.

Grant Objectives

1. Provide information and referral.
2. Provide education and outreach.
3. Provide individual and family advocacy.
4. Provide individual and/or systemic legal representation.
5. Provide self-advocacy coaching and assistance.

Progress

- Provided individual case advocacy for 21 individuals with TBI.
- Provided information and referral to 35 individuals.
- Provided training, education and outreach to 33 groups.
- Disseminated 310 agency materials.
- Monitored 2 bills at the State Legislature involving head injury issues.

Continuing Effort

The Hawai'i Disability Rights Center anticipates providing the following services in the upcoming year: 35 individual case advocacies for individuals with TBI; and training, education and outreach to 25 groups. We will also disseminate 275 TBI brochures and provide 35 information and referrals.

For Further Information

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