

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

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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

Iowa P&A Services

IA P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Enhance family and provider access to information about services and supports necessary for individuals with TBI and their families.
2. Improve the capability of Iowa's service providers to serve children and adults with TBI, inappropriately placed in public and private residential facilities, working to ensure that they receive appropriate programming and treatment and are free from abuse and neglect.
3. Work with Iowa's Veterans Administration and County Veterans Affairs officers on education and knowledge of services, supports and resources for soldiers returning from war that have experienced brain injury.

Progress

- Participated in the TBI grant-funded Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network and have gained knowledge and skill in working with individuals with TBI.
- Increased Iowa's P&A outreach to over 75 facilities and medical programs that serve individuals with brain injuries.
- Educated over 200 new law enforcement officers regarding individuals with brain injuries and other disabilities.
- Initiated contacts with Iowa Veterans Administration to provide information, education and supports to soldiers returning from war that have experienced brain injury.

Continuing Effort

As Iowa moves toward a community-based service system, Iowa P&A Services will diligently and systemically advocate that persons with TBI are placed where they can receive habilitative and rehabilitative services as well as work with individuals with TBI in realizing and selecting appropriate placement and program service opportunities within community programs.

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