

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

## IDAHO

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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**

DisAbility Rights Idaho

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

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

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Promote specialized community services for individuals with TBI.
2. Review instances of abuse and/or neglect.
3. Provide individual and systemic advocacy to address barriers to independent living for individuals with TBI.
4. Reserve staff time from specially trained staff in the regional office exclusively for TBI advocacy.
5. Establish the involvement of people with TBI and their families in the development of annual priorities, objectives, and case acceptance criteria.
6. Increase and improve information and referral materials related to TBI advocacy issues.
7. Include specific TBI issues in systemic advocacy with State agencies and the legislature.

### **Progress**

- Collaborated with the Idaho State Institute on Rural Health (ISU), Idaho TBI Implementation grantee.
- Provided representation on the State TBI Advisory Council.
- Provided membership on the newly formed BIA of Idaho Board.
- Integrated all aspects of the P&A TBI grant into the P&A disability advocacy program.

### **Continuing Effort**

DisAbility Rights Idaho will continue its collaboration with ISU and representation on the State TBI Advisory Council and BIA of Idaho Board. It will continue efforts to monitor and address emerging systemic Medicaid issues including home and community-based services provided through Medicaid waivers; develop position statements and strategies on public policy issues affecting people with TBI; and influence system improvement through direct and systemic advocacy.

### **For Further Information**

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