

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

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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

Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services

IN P&A's Grant History

Since 2003, Indiana has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of an average of \$54,000 each, for a total of \$491,161.

Grant Objectives

1. Provide information and referral services to individuals with TBI and their families.
2. Provide advocacy services to individuals with TBI and their families in order to protect their rights and to assist them in accessing appropriate services and supports within their communities.
3. Respond to allegations of abuse/neglect on behalf of individuals with TBI.
4. Investigate allegations of discrimination in regards to Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Fair Housing Act in regards to individuals with TBI.
5. Assure that students with TBI receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).
6. Assist individuals with TBI in accessing appropriate supports and services through Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
7. Increase screening for and identification of TBI within the state's largest public school system.

Recent Progress

- Assisted the Brain Injury Association of Indiana in revising and updating the TBI Resource Directory.
- Assisted with the production of and distribution to all special education cooperatives state-wide of a CD containing the training curriculum "Traumatic Brain Injury: A Training Program for School Personnel in Indiana".
- Continued to support the Brain Injury Association of Indiana's efforts to reorganize and solidify the BIAI as a legitimate, functioning agency. Printed and mailed a new brain injury resource guide this past year.

Continuing Effort

IN Protection & Advocacy Services assisted in identifying the Family and Social Services Administration as the Lead Agency for the State of Indiana. Indiana was awarded a substantial amount of Federal TBI grant monies in 2008 which will be used to continue the state's facilitated case management, create local TBI boards, and maintain the State-Wide TBI Advisory Council.

For Further Information

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