

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

KANSAS

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

Disability Rights Center of Kansas

KS P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Provide disability rights advocacy, including monitoring of institutions for persons with TBI who are at risk of, or who have experienced, abuse, neglect or exploitation.
2. Provide disability rights advocacy for persons with TBI to pursue alternatives to guardianship/conservatorship.
3. Promote the rights of persons with TBI for access to general medical services; to include Medicaid, Medicare, long term care, mental health services, community based services, and assistive technology.
4. Provide disability rights advocacy to assist persons with TBI in restrictive settings to defend their right to access services and supports to live in the community or least restrictive setting.
5. Provide disability rights advocacy to person with TBI to remove barriers preventing access to state/local government services and places of public accommodation.

6. Provide disability rights advocacy for students with disabilities to enforce and protect their rights to special education and related services.
7. Provide disability rights advocacy for persons with TBI whose rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act or the Rehabilitation Act have been violated.

Recent Progress

As a result of advocacy provided by DRC and other collaborating disability partners, Kansas has continued to have no waiting list on the Head Injury Waiver Program.

Continuing Effort

The Disability Rights Center will continue to implement its grant objectives and provide advocacy for individuals with assessment, advocacy or legal representation, self advocacy and information and referral.

For Further Information

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