

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

KENTUCKY

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

Kentucky Protection and Advocacy

KY P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Provide information and referral and short-term assistance to persons with TBI who do not meet priority for representation.
2. Investigate all serious injuries, including death, of persons with TBI, sustained during use of restraint/seclusion at schools or other facilities/community programs.
3. Represent individuals with TBI institutionalized or at risk of institutionalization to ensure they receive services in the most integrated living arrangement.
4. Represent individuals with TBI whose Medicaid services are denied/reduced or terminated.
5. Represent children/youth whose educational rights have been violated.
6. Participate in outreach events targeted to veterans and their family members.

Recent Progress

- Represented individuals in administrative meetings and/or hearings on special education, assistive technology, and Medicaid Waivers.
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- Provided printed materials and information about advocacy strategies to the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky (BIAK), the state affiliate to educate persons with brain injuries and their family members. BIAK developed an advocacy handbook to be disseminated to persons with TBI and their family members.

Continuing Effort

Kentucky Protection and Advocacy will continue to implement its grant objectives, including the provision of Information and Referral, legal advocacy, and training to individuals with TBI and their families to ensure access to services and supports to meet their needs.

For Further Information

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