

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

MICHIGAN

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

Michigan P&A Service, Inc.

MI P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Michigan has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of an average of \$65,000 each, for a total of \$647,757.

Grant Objectives

1. Individuals will not have staff working with them who have abused or neglected someone; Individuals will not be subjected to abuse or neglect.
2. Individuals will not be deprived of their rights as a result of guardianship; Individuals will have access to independent and effective rights protection systems.
3. Individuals will have access and rights to services within vocational rehabilitation, employment networks, CILs and Work Incentives Planning and Assistance programs; Individuals will assert their employment rights under the ADA and/or Section 504, as well as other employment laws.
4. Individuals will have access to services that support them in all settings and/or promote community inclusion; Governmental entities and providers of critical services will be accessible and provide needed accommodations.

5. Students will be identified and evaluated for special education; Eligible students at risk of discipline due to disability-related behavior will remain in school.

Progress

- Monitored implementation of systemic changes within MI Dept. of Corrections regarding use of administrative segregation, screening, mental health referrals and treatment.
- Received favorable decisions from Michigan Supreme Court affecting insurance coverage for those injured in an auto accident. One will restore specific legal standards enacted by the Michigan Legislature 15 years ago and the second decision restored 30 years of law that had been overturned in 2006.
- Continued appointment to State TBI Service and Prevention Council.

Continuing Effort

Michigan P&A will continue to provide information, referral, direct representation and advocacy for individuals with TBI.

For Further Information

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