

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

MISSOURI

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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

Missouri Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP)

MO P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Missouri has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of an average of \$52,700 each, for a total of \$527,750.

Grant Objectives

1. Provide information and referral services to 50 individuals with TBI and their family members and service providers per year.
2. Provide legal-based advocacy and litigation services to 18 individuals with TBI per year in the areas of special education, employment accommodations, housing, benefits, guardianship, access to community services and other legal issues.
3. Provide four sessions of education and training in self-advocacy to individuals with TBI and their families per year and three sessions for other professionals per year.

Progress

- Completed training for MO P&A staff.
- Provided legal and advocacy services to an average of 25 consumers and families each year.
- Provided information and referral services to an average of 90 consumers and families each year.
- Provided presentations to consumers, family members and service providers on legal rights, self-advocacy and P&A services.
- Produced MO P&A's PATBI program brochure.
- Developed a productive working relationship with all of the Head Injury grantees and service providers in the State.
- Revised and disseminated Legal Rights Handbook for Missourians with Disabilities.

Continuing Effort

MO P&A Services will continue to implement its grant objectives and provide advocacy for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and supports to meet their needs.

For Further Information

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