

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

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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**

MS P&A System, Inc.

### **MS P&A's Grant History**

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

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Increase outreach services to adults and children with TBI and their families, with special attention to those residing in Mississippi's rural areas and to minority populations.
2. Provide individual representation as needed to children with TBI whose school issues fall within DRMS education case selection criteria.
3. Provide individual representation to individuals with TBI who reside in facilities and whose issues fall within DRMS case selection or investigation criteria. Assist individuals in nursing homes that have TBI to move into the community.

### **Progress**

- Filed document request pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act to relevant state agencies to obtain all recent Nursing Facility surveys and identify the location of Nursing Facility residents with TBI.
- Increased outreach through Mississippi's rural areas via presentations in 26 locations to 1691 people who received packets of materials about TBI and the PATBI program.
- Trained 7 relevant professional groups concerning communicating with nursing home individuals with TBI and supporting their choices concerning nursing home or community-based services and investigation of abuse or neglect.
- Provided individual representation to advance the education rights of 2 children with TBI whose school issues fell within DRMS education case selection criteria.
- Provided representation to 9 adults with TBI on issues related to treatment and/or transition out of facilities.

### **Continuing Effort**

DRMS will continue above efforts.

### **For Further Information**

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