

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

MONTANA

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

Montana Advocacy Program, Inc.

MT P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Provide information, referral, and advice.
2. Develop an informational brochure regarding the TBI P&A program.
3. Provide individual and family advocacy.
4. Provide legal representation.
5. Develop self-advocacy training for individuals with TBI and their families.

Continuing Effort

Montana Advocacy Program, Inc. will continue to implement its grant objectives and advocate for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and supports to meet their needs.

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Go to <https://tbitac.norc.org> for information on additional P&A TBI activities.