

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

OHIO

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

Ohio Legal Rights Service (LRS)

OH P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Ohio has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$68,739 each, for a total of \$687,394.

Grant Objectives

1. Community integration: Obtain information regarding individuals with TBI, ages 18 - 55, who reside in nursing facilities to better understand the scope of the problem and identify advocacy strategies.
2. Service Members and Veterans with TBI: Identify outreach opportunities and encourage referrals from service organizations. Investigate the role of self-advocacy in veterans' services.

Progress

- Represented 47 individuals with TBI since 6/1/2007, and 241 individuals since 2002.
- Analyzed data from the Ohio Department of Aging to determine nursing homes (NH) that provide services to people with TBI and found that 160 provide such services, and 24 administer special TBI units.
- Investigated several of these special TBI units and will continue to investigate units in 2011.

- Continued outreach to organizations affiliated with service members and veterans with TBI.
- Advocated as a member of the Ohio Brain Injury Advisory Committee, and its Education Subcommittee and Trauma Survivors Group; and the Legal Committee of The Sarah Jane Brain Foundation working to create a model system for children with all Pediatric Acquired Brain Injuries.
- Provided information and resources for service members and veterans with disabilities at <http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/topic-veterans>

Continuing Effort

Ohio Legal Rights Service (LRS) will continue to represent individuals with TBI on issues within agency priorities and available resources and collaborate with self advocates and others to improve services to people with TBI. LRS continues to work with the Brain Injury Association of Ohio, veterans' groups, Department of Health, and Money Follows the Person grant committees to move people who choose to leave nursing homes and ICFs/MR.

For Further Information

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