

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

## OKLAHOMA

Protection and Advocacy Grant: 10/01/09-09/30/13

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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**

OK Disability Law Center, Inc.

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

Since 2003, Oklahoma 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 and referral.
2. Provide education and outreach.
3. Provide individual and family advocacy.
4. Provide individual and/or systemic legal representation.
5. Provide self-advocacy coaching and assistance.

### **Recent Progress**

Communicated with the Oklahoma Department of Health to establish a working relationship on issues related to traumatic brain injuries.

### **Continuing Effort**

OK Disability Law Center, Inc. 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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