

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

Disability Rights Oregon

OR P&A's Grant History

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

Grant Objectives

1. Provide person and family-directed P&A services which are responsive to TBI issues, culturally competent, and planned and implemented with the involvement of individuals with TBI and their families.
2. Advocate for individuals with TBI to have appropriate services in the community.
3. Advocate for preservation and restoration for State-funded health care, in-home supports, and other services.
4. Monitor service cuts and educate policy makers about the impact of cuts to TBI-related services and supports.
5. Provide case advocacy for benefits, health care, in-home supports and education matters.
6. Evaluate program effectiveness and report results.
7. Collect and evaluate all program satisfaction indicators.
8. Evaluate progress of systems advocacy initiatives.

Recent Progress

- Continued work with statewide interagency TBI Workgroup to increase funded services to people with TBI.
- Continued efforts to move individuals with TBI into the community from nursing homes.
- Oregon now provides health care parity for brain injury survivors by requiring state-regulated group health insurance policies to cover cognitive rehabilitation therapy.

Continuing Effort

Disability Rights Oregon will continue to implement its grant objectives and provide advocacy for individuals with TBI and their families in accessing services and support to meet their needs.

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