

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

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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**

Since 2002, SCP&A has received ten Federal TBI P&A Grants of approximately \$50,000 each, totaling \$500,000.

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

Since 2002, Pennsylvania has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants for an average of \$71,248 each, for a total of approximately \$712,481.

### **Grant Objectives**

1. South Carolinians with traumatic brain injuries will be protected from abuse and neglect.
2. South Carolinians with traumatic brain injuries will receive the services and supports they need to live in the homes of their choice.
3. P&A will consider individual case representation for people with traumatic brain injury whose issues are legally compelling and not identified under other priorities.
4. P&A will provide quality outreach, information and referral services for people with TBI.

### **Recent Progress**

- Helped approximately 533 families by working one-on-one with a person with TBI regarding legal issues.
- Of those 533 helped, 130 of the legal issues presented led to case representation by P&A.
- Ninety-seven percent of closed cases that reached the resolution phase have been resolved in favor of the person with TBI (89) as compared to those not resolved in favor of the person with TBI (3).
- Provided education, outreach, and training to hundreds of additional families.

### **Continuing Effort**

P&A will continue to advance disability rights for South Carolinians with disabilities through legal advocacy in the areas of community integration, employment, housing, and education.

### **For Further Information**

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