

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

TENNESSEE

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

Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee

TN P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Tennessee has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants for an average of \$52,935 each, for a total of \$529,352

Grant Objectives

1. Co-sponsor the annual Tennessee statewide Traumatic Brain Injury Conference with TN Department of Health and BIA of TN
2. Develop a statewide professional alliance of TBI service providers
3. Develop a document with information regarding rights, resources, and services for individuals with TBI
4. Develop a peer education tool for K-12 students returning to school after experiencing a TBI

Recent Progress

- Participated in statewide TBI conference planning
- Developed and distributed "An Employer's Guide to Hiring Veterans with TBI and PTSD" and "Transition to Post Secondary School and Assistive Technology"
- Collaborated with East TN Technology Access Center to host a seminar for individuals with TBI, family members and service providers on "The Changing Views of TBI"

- Conducted 24 trainings with 634 participants who received information about TBI, legal rights, and available resources and services

Continuing Effort

Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee will continue to participate in a statewide veteran's task force to develop relationships within the military community to better serve veterans with TBI.

For Further Information

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