

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

## TEXAS

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**

Advocacy, Inc.

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

Since 2003, Texas has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants for an average of \$99,921 each, for a total of \$899,294.

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Provide direct services for Texans with TBI through legal casework and education and training.
2. Expand collaborative relationships with other statewide TBI related entities.
3. Coordinate TBI related policy efforts to educate policymakers.

### **Recent Progress**

- Worked 122 service requests for individuals with TBI – 81 with P&A funds and 41 with other funding in FY 2010.
- Supported a state agency request to develop a new TBI waiver to serve up to 200 individuals by 2015. If funded in 2011, each program participant will have up to \$15,000 for services.
- Expanded relationships with state and local organizations representing individuals with TBI, their families and brain-injury professionals including Veterans representatives.

### **Continuing Effort**

- Advocate for maintaining and expanding community services for individuals with TBI.
- Support educational and advocacy efforts of the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council.
- Support continuation of the Office of Acquired Brain Injury.

### **For Further Information**

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