

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

## VIRGINIA

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

<http://www.vopa.state.va.us>

### **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**

VA Office for Protection & Advocacy

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

Since 2003, Virginia has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants for an average of \$57,637 each, for a total of \$518,734.

### **Grant Objectives**

1. Provide case level services in the areas of abuse and neglect, education, community integration, and employment.
2. Provide information, referral and outreach to individuals, family members and services providers who are affected by traumatic brain injuries.

### **Recent Progress**

Recent progress is available via the most recent Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury Program Performance Report at:

<http://www.vopa.state.va.us/Reports/reports.htm>.

### **Continuing Effort**

VA Office for Protection & Advocacy 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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<http://www.hrsa.gov/getthehealthcare/conditions/traumaticbraininjury/>

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