

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

WASHINGTON

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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 Washington formerly Washington Protection and Advocacy

WA P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Washington State has received ten Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants for an average of \$53,601 each, for a total of \$536,010.

Grant Objectives

1. People with TBI and their families will receive information, referrals or short-term advocacy services regarding their rights as a result of DRW advocacy, outreach and information dissemination efforts.
2. Policy makers will receive detailed information on systemic issues that affect people with TBI and take action to improve systems as a result of DRW information dissemination and advocacy efforts.
3. Youth with mental illness, including youth who also have a TBI will obtain Medicaid funded mental health services in the community.

Recent Progress

- DRW provided hundreds of people with TBI and family members with information, materials or short-term advocacy services through information

and referral, the promotion of the TBI website and annual TBI conference.

- Educated policy makers on the needs of people with TBI, which ensured the stability of the TBI account and implementation of the comprehensive State plan.
- Partnered with the state Department of Veteran Affairs to increase peer support and community outreach education on issues related to TBI resources.

Continuing Effort

Disability Rights Washington will continue to educate the community and policy makers on the needs of individuals with TBI and their families and advocate for services and supports to meet their needs.

For Further Information

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