

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

WYOMING

Protection and Advocacy Grant: 10/1/09-9/30/13

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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

Wyoming P&A

WY P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, Wyoming has received nine Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$50,000 each, for a total of \$450,000.

Grant Objectives

1. Prepare a current information sheet describing P&A services for the TBI community.
2. Provide information on the TBI Program to organizations statewide.
3. Provide a series of training and outreach events around Wyoming targeting individuals with TBI, their families, and caregivers.
4. Provide information and referral services on disability-related issues as appropriate to eligible individuals and their families who are seeking TBI program services.
5. Provide advice, consultation, self-advocacy assistance, and legal representation as necessary to protect the rights of eligible individuals and their families to assist them in addressing disability-related issues.

Recent Progress

Prepared an annual report which details all of Wyoming's P&A's accomplishments of grant objectives 1-5.

Continuing Effort

Wyoming P&A 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.

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