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 States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

Lead State Agency
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Office of Acquired Brain Injury (OABI)

Texas’ Grant History
Texas has received $2,213,128 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately $1,388,518 in matching support.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2013

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**Grant Objectives**

1. Form a multi-agency statewide collaboration with Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Texas Youth Commission & other partners.
2. Provide a unique, comprehensive screening program to identify the presence of TBI & to administer pre-neuropsychological testing to 12,000 youth in the Texas juvenile justice system during 2010-2013.
3. Assist juveniles who screen positive for TBI & their families with coordinating BI supports & services.
4. Collect, evaluate & share data with partners & stakeholders.

**Progress**

BISQ screening continues at pilot sites followed by appropriate interventions for juveniles if indicated. Ongoing professional development and stakeholder training including web-based course for teachers, administrators and school counselors

- A special treatment center is in place at the high risk mental health correctional facility. Referrals to security, injury to self or others dropped more than 60%.
- Calming rooms in development in all pilot sites.
- Cognitive, behavioral, emotional therapy and memory training shows early success rates.
- Staffing calls with juvenile justice case management teams, teachers and parents/guardians provide more successful reintegration to home, school and community.

**Continuing Effort**

- Ongoing collaboration with the Texas TBI Advisory Council and stakeholders to reinforce the urgent need for a TBI Medicaid waiver to provide community support for brain-injured Individuals.
- Developed law enforcement TBI/PTSD CEU training for combat veterans in collaboration with officer veterans.

**For Further Information**

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