

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

ALASKA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 6/1/2014 – 5/31/2019

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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 Administration for Community Living (ACL) to award grants to States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

Lead State Agency

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS)

Alaska's Grant History

Alaska has received \$1,119,729 in Federal TBI Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched the Federal grants with approximately \$852,116.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2015

■ * Added by 2015 ■ ** Maintained or Regained ■ *** Lost by 2015

Advisory Council or Task Force	TBI Registry/Surveillance	TBI Medicaid Waiver	Head Injury Division in State Department	Dedicated Funding for TBI Programs	State Funding for TBI Programs
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Grant Objectives

Alaska currently has a Federal TBI Program Implementation Partnership State Grant.

Progress

The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) manages the TBI Program Implementation Partnership Grant. Grant sub recipients are:

- Alaska Brain Injury Network (ABIN), funded to employ a Rural Resource Navigator
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), funded to employ a Tribal Liaison
- Center for Human Development (CHD) at the University of Alaska Anchorage, funded to provide brain injury trainings and to evaluate the Partnership Grant
- Alaska's five Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers (ADRC), funded to screen and refer people to ABIN.

Grant goals met in Years 1 and 2 include implementation of focus groups of consumers and providers on training needs, completion of a survey of training needs, and creation of a training plan; provision of training on BI screening tools to Community and Behavioral Health Aides and other providers in rural areas of Alaska; conclusion of several outreach trips to rural and remote communities in Alaska, especially remote Alaska Native villages, to identify people with BI and their caregivers and connect them to resources; and initial progress on establishing protocols for discharge of people with TABI into a more coordinated network of care.

Continuing Effort

- For budget reasons, SDS has set aside work on developing and implementing the statutorily-mandated but unfunded TABI Longitudinal Registry.
- SDS and Implementation Grant sub recipients participated in outreach/education efforts on Medicaid reform through 1915 (i) and (k) state plan amendments, which include TABI as one of the categorically eligible populations.
- SDS, ABIN, ANTHC, and CHD continue to collaborate on state budget requests, planning for additional services, provider training, outreach to stakeholders, ways in which to coordinate data collection, especially in the Villages, and the development of a TABI Interagency Task Force.
- ABIN works with Tribal and military partners for development of a coordinated TABI system in Alaska, and continues to participate in the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority focus areas of Housing, Disability Justice, Beneficiary Project and Workforce Development.

For Further Information

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