

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

ARIZONA

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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

Arizona Department of Economic Security

Arizona's Grant History

Arizona has received \$2,555,650 in Federal TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided \$1,383,713 in matching support.

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

1. Increase access to appropriate and comprehensive rehabilitation services and other relevant resources for youth with brain injury (TBI) who are transitioning to adulthood and the world of work through a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Youth with Brain Injury Transition Pilot Program (YBITPP).
2. Conduct broader outreach to increase the availability of information, education, referrals, and resources for transitioning youth with TBI and their families outside of those already in the YBITPP.
3. Increase collaboration among youth, families, professionals, and program decision-makers who serve youth in transition to use the project's lessons learned to work toward further system improvements.

Progress

Professional Education: More than 1,000 educators and school-related personnel received TBI education. Five-levels of TBI workshops throughout Arizona and a week-long Summer Institute are provided annually. Additionally, educators and other key personnel, such as coaches, athletic trainers, child care personnel, and correctional officers, participated in concussion workshops.

All participants received materials and were linked with the Brain Injury Alliance of AZ (BIAAZ). Professionals working on American Indian Reservations have been a target audience. Educational and rehabilitation personnel were reached through presentations at an annual transition conference, at which youth in our YBITPP presented. Training, technical assistance, and one on one case consultation were provided to VR Counselors who work with youth with TBI.

Youth and Family Education and Support: In collaboration with a large school district, educational nights on transition issues and support groups were provided for families, with activities for youth that enhance their transition offered simultaneously. The Council collaborated with the BIAAZ on their annual survivor/family education conference and continued to work with the Alliance to enhance its capacity to serve youth with TBI and their families.

Collaboration among VR, the Comprehensive Neuro rehabilitation Programs that serve youth, the BIAAZ, and other key partners continued to be a major focus. Lesson learned about our unique YBITPP and how to enhance youth transition continued to be identified and documented.

Continuing Effort

The plan is to continue to provide professional education, family education and support, and to enhance collaboration among key partners. We will document what we are learning for publication and conference presentations near the end of the grant cycle.

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