

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

NEBRASKA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 6/1/2014-5/31/2015

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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

Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation

Nebraska's Grant History

Nebraska has received \$2,300,000 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$1,178,733 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. Train key professionals, service providers and agency staff serving children, youth and the elderly on potential long-term cognitive, physical, emotional and behavioral effects of TBI, implications for housing, work and community living and TBI screening methods.
2. Implement sustainable resource facilitation services for children, youth and elderly with TBI and their family members who require assistance in navigating complex service systems to meet their needs and achieve their goals.

Progress

- In partnership with the Brain Injury Association, Nebraska launched a three-year pilot of statewide information/referral services and regional resource facilitation services.

Brain Injury Registry packets were revised to include resource facilitation contacts, a symptom checklist, training and education resources for healthcare providers and Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment information. Approximately 9,500 packets are mailed to individuals placed on the registry each year.

- Area Agency on Aging service coordinators were trained to screen individuals aged 65 and over for TBI. Implementing TBI screening methods increased their ability to identify appropriate community supports for older adults with TBI.
- In collaboration with Nebraska's Injury Prevention Program, three online training modules on Concussion Recognition and Management were developed and launched for medical personnel and healthcare professionals.
- The Nebraska TBI Online Training site was created to help community-based service providers, state agency staff and others provide services successfully to individuals with TBI.
- Brain Injury Regional School Support Teams were trained in using the "Bridging the Gap" curriculum to assist schools in creating concussion teams and implementing "return to learn" protocols. The curriculum was developed by the Nebraska Department of Education and members of the Children and Youth Task Force.
- Nebraska completed a comprehensive analysis of the average annual costs of TBI to inform and educate policy-makers and stakeholders of the long-term financial burden created by TBI and the need for a sustainable funding source for resource facilitation and other supports.

Continuing Effort

Nebraska's priority is to build a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, easily accessible system of care for individuals experiencing brain injury and to ensure awareness and training for partners in the system.

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