

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

TENNESSEE

Implementation Partnership Grant: 6/1/2014-5/31/2018

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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 Health, Division of Community Health Services, Health Services Medical Section

Tennessee's Grant History

Tennessee has received \$2,350,000 in Federal TBI Implementation and Post-Demonstration Grants. The State has provided approximately \$2,275,000 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. In partnership with the Department of Education, improve the knowledge of school personnel and other professionals working with children with TBI to provide optimal educational outcomes for those children and their families.
2. In partnership with the Department of Education and three children's hospitals, expand on Project BRAIN's capacity to improve the linkage between hospitals and schools in the development of supports for children and youth with TBI.
3. In partnership with the Tennessee Disability Coalition, expand the use of technology to support the school and healthcare professionals working with children with TBI.

Progress

- Developed a TBI curriculum entitled, "Brain Injury 101: Understanding the Injury" to provide information to those serving students with TBI.
- Developed an interactive CD-ROM "Welcome to our School!" as a learning tool for educators, healthcare professionals and related service providers who work with students that have TBI.

- Developed a training tool entitled "Partners in Communication: Supporting Student Transitions, Hospital to Home to School" to train healthcare providers serving children and youth with TBI.
- Designed a training tool "Concussion within Our Sports Community" for coaches, athletes and parents to learn more sports-related head injuries.
- Developed a hospital-school transition intervention which will provide hospitals with a simple, consistent process for linking TBI patients and their parents with school personnel.
- Implemented three regional Brain Injury Transition Liaisons that work within three children's hospital emergency departments.

Continuing Effort

Tennessee's TBI State Action Plan has identified the need to secure sustainable financial support for TBI services and supports, improve access to the information individuals with TBI and their families need to access services in their communities, and to improve service coordination.

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