

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

PENNSYLVANIA

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 Child and Adult Health Services

Pennsylvania's Grant History

Pennsylvania has received \$491,630 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation Grants, and Implementation Partnership. The State has provided \$245,815 as matching support.

Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2016

■ * Added by 2013 ■ ** Maintained or Regained ■ *** Lost by 2013

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 capacity of medical community to identify and address TBI in children.
2. Develop a system to screen youth in the juvenile detention setting for TBI.
3. Ensure that juvenile justice facility staff are knowledgeable about TBI.
4. Increase awareness of TBI among parents and professionals involved in youth sports.
5. Increase awareness of TBI Statewide.

Progress

- Outreach to athletes and coaching staff was broadened through the filming of "A Consumers' Guide to the Management and Care of Concussion," a public service

announcement which aired on the Pennsylvania Cable Network for six consecutive weeks.

- Adopted the Ohio State University TBI Identification tool for use in screening youth in the juvenile detention setting. Additional symptom checklist and school performance summary tool was also developed to supplement the tool.
- Collaboration with two county juvenile detentions centers resulted in screening 129 youth. Of the 129 youth, 74 (57%) screened positive for history of an event that could have caused a TBI and 55 (43%) screened negative.
- Subsequent NeuroCognitive testing was completed for a number of the youth who tested positive and referrals for services were made.
- Thirty trainings were delivered to more than 560 participants including juvenile justice professionals, judges, children and youth caseworkers and other social service providers.
- Fifty three physicians have been trained on concussion recognition and management and have subsequently been added to a Recognition Registry.
- Forty nine athletic trainers have completed training to become ConcussionWise Instructors, subsequently training more than 600 professionals and athletes.

Continuing Effort

PA continues to strengthen interagency collaborations to address issues identified in its Action Plan, including greater public awareness of TBI and implementing a school re-entry program Statewide.

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