

Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program P&A Grant Fact Sheet

SOUTH CAROLINA

Protection and Advocacy Grant: 10/01/13-09/30/17

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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. When reauthorized as part of the Children's Health Act of 2000 (PL 106-310), the Act authorized the Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants to State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems for the purpose of planning and assessing the States' P&A responsiveness to TBI issues and to ensure that P&A services are delivered appropriately to individuals with TBI and their families.

P&A System

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) is the protection and advocacy system for South Carolina. P&A is a member of the National Disability Rights Network.

P&A's Grant History

Since 2002, South Carolina has received thirteen Federal TBI Protection and Advocacy Grants of approximately \$50,000 each, for a total of \$650,000.

Grant Objectives

1. Protect South Carolinians with traumatic brain injuries from abuse and neglect.
2. Advocate for South Carolinians with traumatic brain injuries to receive the services and supports they need to live in the homes of their choice.
3. Provide individual case representation for South Carolinians with traumatic brain injuries whose issues are legally compelling and not identified under other priorities, including equal access to goods, services, places and housing in the community.
4. Provide quality outreach, information and referral services for people with TBI.

Recent Progress

- Represented 15 individuals with TBI in 15 cases involving issues of abuse/neglect, architectural accessibility, home and community services, and

unnecessary institutionalization. Eight of eleven closed cases were either partially or fully resolved in Client's favor.

- Provided information and referral services to 48 individuals for self-advocacy regarding TBI issues.
- Provided 11 trainings to over 217 individuals including (1) participation in the statewide TBI Conference; (2) the Annual Exceptional Family Member Program Child Find Resource Fair at Shaw Air Force Base; (3) the series of Crisis Intervention trainings offered to 112 law enforcement officers across South Carolina; (4) the Yellow Ribbon National Guard Event; and (5) a training to students at Columbia College. At the trainings, P&A provided participants with information concerning P&A services and community assistance and resources for TBI.
- **FY 2013 Numbers**
 - Individuals provided I&R: 48
 - Individuals with TBI served: 15
 - Outreach/Education Services: 11 trainings attended by 217 individuals

Continuing Effort

P&A will continue to advance disability rights for South Carolinians with disabilities through legal advocacy in the areas of abuse and neglect, the receipt of goods and services, and housing.

For Further Information

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