

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## IDAHO

Implementation Partnership Grant 4/1/09 – 3/31/14

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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 Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants to States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

### Lead State Agency

Idaho State University - Institute of Rural Health

### Idaho's Grant History

Idaho has received \$2,317,814 in Federal TBI Planning, Implementation, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has provided approximately \$1,178,141 in matching support.

### Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2013

■ \* 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. Establish a trust fund to benefit civilian and military personnel with TBI and their families.
2. Move TBI Advisory Council forward.
3. Support families of returning service members with TBI.
4. Monitor Idaho's TBI Medicaid waiver and trauma registry.

### Progress

- Secured a consultant to facilitate a work group to discuss all aspects of furthering a TBI trust fund for the state. A lead agency has been identified; however, the potential source of funding continues to require additional research.
- Secured non-profit status for our statewide TBI advisory council.
- Co-sponsored and participated in an expert roundtable discussion and press conference for a TBI summit on May 28, 2013. Opening remarks were provided by Sen. Mike Crapo. The panelists looked at the full spectrum of issues around TBI.

- Project team members will host and participate in an inaugural meeting of the Boise VAMC Center of Excellence Patient Centered Medical Home Education Collaborative in September 2013 .
- Submitted feedback supporting TBI needs in Idaho to Disability Rights Inc. regarding their statement of priorities over the next two years.
- Established a subcontract with the Brain Injury Alliance of Idaho to assist with infrastructure development and fundraising.
- Reissued the subcontract with AGIS Inc. to update and maintain Idaho's TBI Virtual Program Center (VPC). VPC user statistics indicate that over the past year 1,900 visitor sessions occurred. There were 69 downloads from Idaho's virtual grand rounds series.
- Active involvement and representation exists between Idaho's TBI advisory council, Brain Injury Alliance of Idaho, the Family to Family Health Information grant, the state's Aging and Disability Resource Center, Washington State's TBI Model Systems Program, and a telehealth task force called "Healthy Connect."
- Currently finalizing a longitudinal analysis of Idaho's TBI needs assessment data as well as an analysis of state and national mortality data as a result of motor vehicle accidents.

### Continuing Effort

A fourth national TBI webinar series is planned for the Spring of 2014. The theme will be consistent with the goal to support families of returning service members with TBI. A national call for high quality speakers and potential topics has been initiated. In addition, the TBI Virtual Program Center has been updated with over 70 hours of instruction available for viewing ([www.idahotbi.org](http://www.idahotbi.org/)).

### For Further Information

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