



Recognizing the Need

- At least 5.3 million Americans live with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)-related disabilities.
- Traumatic Brain Injuries are a major cause of death and disability contributing to about 30% of all injury deaths.
- Every day, 138 Americans die from injuries that include a TBI.
- Individuals who survive a TBI may experience impaired thinking or memory, movement, sensation (e.g., vision or hearing), or emotional functioning (e.g., personality changes, depression), all of which can impact his or her ability to return to home, work or school and resume living independently, without assistance, accommodations and supports. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Injury Center)

Building Systems

- About half of the States that have established TBI programs through state funding or trust funds established to dedicate funds derived from traffic fines, surcharges to drivers license and other sources.
- About half of the States administer brain injury Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs.
- 19 States receive grants from the ACL TBI State Partnership Program, the *only* federal program assisting States in developing service capacity.

Promoting Partnerships

- **NASHIA** partners with federal agencies to promote federal resources and information through webinars, conferences, and website.
- **NASHIA** belongs to several coalitions promoting disability, health, research, and prevention policies and funding.
- **NASHIA** joins other partners to promote awareness and foster collaboration among national and federal agencies through the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force Awareness Day held each year during the month of March.

*The **National Association of State Head Injury Administrators** assists State government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injuries and their families.*