

In keeping with March Brain Injury Awareness Month, see how States provide resources, services and supports to individuals with brain injury and their families.



Celebrating March Brain Injury Awareness Month!

Since 1997, the Federal TBI State Implementation Grant Program has been an impetus to help States to develop, improve and expand service delivery for individuals with TBI and their families, often by leveraging other resources and working with public and private partners. Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL), 19 States currently receive grants. Over the years, most States have received grants to develop infrastructure and to expand services to underserved and unserved populations. Below are selected highlights of State grant activities.

Alabama PASSAGES Program: Expanding Services to Children and Youth with TBI



Through funding from a previous Federal TBI State Grant, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and the State Head Injury Task Force developed the PASSAGES program to serve kids from birth to 21 years of age. Administered by the Alabama's Children's Rehabilitation Services (Title V program for Children with Special Healthcare Needs), the program offers a multi-disciplinary program of specialized clinical and care coordination services serving all 67 counties in Alabama. The program is still successful today, providing services and supports to over 400 children and youth with TBI per year.

[Read](#) about "Terry's" success story as the result of services provided. He will graduate high school this spring and his transition planning has included a vocational assessment and referral to Vocational Rehab Services.

[Learn more about Alabama TBI Resources.](#)

New York Military Veterans Project

Collaborative activities of New York State's TBI grant have led to better understanding among the public and professionals about brain injury and access to needed brain injury related services. The Veterans Military Project is just one of the grant supported activities to address underserved individuals. The Military Veterans project was carried out in collaboration with Brain Injury Association of New York State.



View the videos about veterans with TBI, entitled, [Coming Home: Families, Courage, and Resilience for Servicemembers \(Part 1\)](#) and [Coming Home: Families, Courage, and Resilience for Servicemembers \(Part 2\)](#).

[Learn more about the Military Veterans Project here.](#)

Iowa Neuro-Resource Facilitation: *Making a Difference!*

Through a contract with the Iowa Department of Public Health's Brain Injury Services Program (BISP), the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa provides statewide Neuro-Resource Facilitation (NRF). NRF is a State funded program that was expanded as the result of a Federal TBI State Grant. The Grant enabled the State to expand to a regional approach with satellite offices in three areas of the State for a total of four offices.



[Read](#) about Jerry, a program participant (pictured above right), who discovered a new purpose for his life as the result of the program. He was awarded one of the *2017 Advocate of the Year Awards* from the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa for his work.

The Alliance recently completed a 'return-on-investment' cost analysis of the NRF program and reported that the value of services includes the following:

- 1. Psychiatric inpatient day costs avoided via Neuro-Resource Facilitation services.*
- 2. State prison day costs avoided via Neuro-Resource Facilitation services.*
- 3. County Jail day costs avoided via Neuro-Resource Facilitation services.*
- 4. State portion of Medicaid enrollment costs avoided via Neuro-Resource Facilitation services.*

[Click here to view more about the Return-on-Investment Report.](#)