



# Traumatic Brain Injury Family Support Program

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# Introduction

## Objectives

- Describe the Tennessee TBI Family Support Program
- Identify needs that can be addressed by the program
- Determine feasibility of reproducing the program in other states

# Traumatic Brain Injury Program

## Legislation 1993

### Established:

- Coordinator
- Registry
- Funding mechanism

Trust fund



# Funding

Dedicated funding stream

Six traffic violations

Trust fund collects  
\$1,000,000  
per year

Budget for staff and grants



# Trust fund



**Unspent funds have rolled into the TBI trust fund**

**Balance on June 30, 2016: \$1,443,000**

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IV REMEMBER THE  
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V HONOUR THY FATHER  
AND THY MOTHER

VI THOU SHALT  
NOT KILL

VII THOU SHALT NOT  
COMMIT ADULTERY

VIII THOU SHALT  
NOT STEAL

IX THOU SHALT NOT  
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WITNESS AGAINST  
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X THOU SHALT  
NOT COVET

# For 5 Year Plan

**\$1.4 Million over 5 years**

**=**

**\$280,000 per year**



# Brain storming ideas

- TBI specific waiver
- ↑ # Service Coordinators / ↑ SC budgets
- Day program
- Prevocational training
- Employment
- Flexible spending
- Transportation
- Assistive Technology (Home mod/van mod)
- Special assistance to individuals
- Respite / caregiver education
- Counseling
- **Family support program**



# Family Support Program

## Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD)

- **Funded by state dollars.**
- **Designed to assist individuals with severe disabilities and their families to remain together in their homes and communities.**
- **Eligible families can apply for up to \$4,000 per year.**
- **Services are flexible and responsive to families and their needs.**

# **DIDD Family Support Program Services**

- **Homemaker services**
- **Specialized equipment**
- **Health related costs not otherwise covered**
- **Personal assistance services**
- **Flexible spending**
- **Transportation to services**
- **Assistive technology (home mod/van mod)**
- **Special assistance - individuals**
- **Respite / caregiver education**
- **Counseling programs**

**TBI Brain  
storming  
ideas**

**Existing  
Family  
support  
program**

# Commonality

## Brain Storming

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## Family Support

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# Benefits to developing this program

- Addresses multiple needs on our list
- Puts funding into the hands of families
- Can serve people all over the state
- Service coordinators can refer and assist
  
- Role of Family Support Council:
  - Determine eligibility criteria
  - Set priorities annually
  - Review use of funds



**One Program to  
Serve Many  
Needs**

**TENNESSEE  
Traumatic  
Brain Injury**

**Family  
Support  
Program**





# Purpose

## **The primary purpose of the TBI Family Support Program**

**To support:**

- **Families who have children with TBI**
- **Adults with TBI living with their family**
- **Adults with TBI living in the community**



# TBI Family Support Program Summary

- **Statewide program**
- **Enroll up to 119 individuals**
- **Must reapply each year**
- **\$2000 allocation per fiscal year**
- **Administered via contract with The Arc of Davidson County**

# Eligibility

- **Eligibility includes medical documentation of a brain injury, which results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity**
- **Enrollment**
  - Intake Sheet
  - Eligibility Checklist
  - Proof of Disability
  - TBI Family Support Plan packet
  - Supporting documents
- **Participants connected to local TBI Service Coordinator**

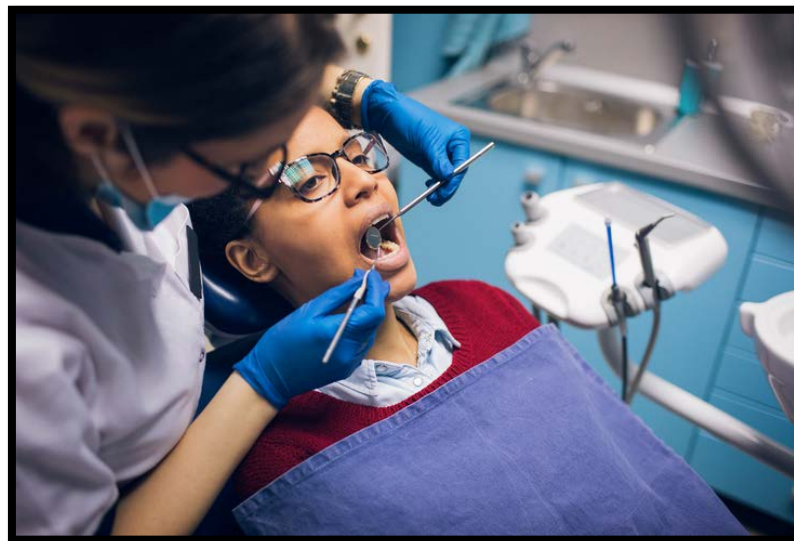
# Year 1

- In FY18, there were 114 participants
- 435 services
- Expenditures for services: \$195,500

# Challenges

- **Keeping up with receipts**
- **Paperwork**
- **Having money up front**
- **More work for SC's**
  
- **Stories**

# How the funds were used



# Model for your state?

- **Justify the need**
- **Identify funding**
  - **State allocation**
  - **Trust fund**



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Thank you!