

# EFFECTIVE PATBI ADVOCACY

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Alabama TBI snapshot
- Identifying key state and national stakeholders
- State partnership grant funded by DHHS/ACL



## ALABAMA SNAPSHOT

- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) is the **state lead agency** for Alabamian's with TBI
- ADRS coordinates services and supports for adults through a state system of care coordinators
- ADRS Children's Rehabilitation Services coordinates services for children and youth with TBI
- ADRS partners with the Alabama Head Injury Foundation (AHIF) for resource facilitation

# HISTORY OF ALABAMA'S SYSTEM

**1989** – ADRS established the **Alabama Head Injury Task Force** and designated a statewide coordinator to develop a plan to address needs.

**1990-1992** – ADRS piloted the **Interactive Community Based Model (ICBM)** to assist Alabamians with TBI and their families as they transition from the hospital to home and community, with the goal of improving the person's readiness that leads to employment.

**1992** – Legislators established the **Impaired Driver's Trust Fund** to create a revenue stream and the **Advisory Board** to oversee the funds used for care coordination to expand the ICBM program.

## ALABAMA'S HISTORY (CONT.)

**1996** – ADRS established the **PASSAGES program for children and youth** with TBI with funding from the Federal TBI State Grant. The program is supported with Special Health Care Needs (Title V) funding.

**1998** – Legislators established the **Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry** to collect data and link people to resources following hospitalizations.

## KEY STATE AND NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

- State Head Injury Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- TBI Model Systems Program (TBIMS)
- Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation
- National Association of State Head Injury Association (NASHIA)
- The Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Data and Statistical Center (TBINDSC)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Heads Up

# ALABAMA SNAPSHOT

- At least 10,000 Alabamians sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) annually
- Alabama's TBI systems lack capacity to serve people:
  - ✓ With complex behavioral health needs
  - ✓ With substance abuse and opioid addiction
- Alabama is taking steps to address service gaps



TBI STATE  
PARTNERSHIP  
GRANT  
PROGRAM

Goal: Enable the Alabama TBI System of Care in enhancing consumer-guided, culturally competent state service systems and supports to foster optimal outcomes across the lifespan for children and adults with TBI.



## TBI SYSTEM PARTNERS

- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Alabama Head Injury Foundation
- Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
- TBI Model System
- Injury Control Research Center

## GRANT OBJECTIVES

- Increase state availability and capacity of comprehensive, coordinated behavioral health services for individuals with TBI.
- Empower consumers and families to advocate for culturally competent, person-centered services.
- Improve program impact across systems by strengthening state infrastructure through streamlined data collection, consumer-driven services and optimized partner collaboration.

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