

**PENNSYLVANIA TBI STATE ACTION SUMMARY**

**Goal 1: *Link major informational resources providing assistance and information to persons with brain injury and their families.***

<b>OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>POSSIBLE PARTNERS</b>	<b>OUTCOME MEASURES</b>
Maintain/enhance the quality of the Brain Injury Helpline. HHSCC report including call center results; Call center staff to attend brain injury trainings	Advisory Board, BIAA, BIAPA, DOH, NASHIA, HHSCC	% of callers responding to the call center survey express satisfaction
Develop fully accessible DOH Brain Injury website with appropriate links to TBI online resources.	DOH, BIAPA, DPW, PIATT	% increase in occurrences that DOH website is accessed ("hits") % of users expressing satisfaction with DOH website
Increase awareness and utilization of Brain Injury Helpline services.	HHSCC, PDE, DPW, BIAPA	# of outreach opportunities specific to the Brain Injury Helpline performed % increase of TBI calls to call center helpline
Link Brain Injury Helpline callers to appropriate services	BIAPA, HHSCC, DRN	% of callers linked to appropriate services
Obtain independent focused needs assessment by an academic organization at no cost to DOH.	DOH, HHSCC, Penn State Univ., Univ. of Pitt, Others	Updated Needs Assessment

**Goal 2 - *Enhance service and support systems for persons with brain injury.***

<b>OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>POSSIBLE PARTNERS</b>	<b>OUTCOME MEASURES</b>
Develop and implement a school re-entry program for children and adolescents with TBI systematically across the state.	BIAPA, PDE, DOH, OVR, Intermediate Units	# of team members trained in 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of grant  % increase in knowledge as measured by pre/post testing
Develop and implement enhanced options to brain injury services and supports that people need and want (i.e., tele-med, development of natural supports, life-long care coordination, etc.).	PDE, PDA, DPW, BIAPA	# of new services developed and initiated
Expand the capacity of the HIP provider network.	DOH, PARF, DPW	% increase of HIP providers
Increase the number of individuals served in HIP.	BIAPA, DRN, HHSCC, DPW	% annual increase in HIP enrollment
Expand brain injury services and supports in areas with limited resources.	Univ of Pitt (Michael Pramuka and Michael McCue; Local hospitals)	# of new counties for service delivery expansion # of tele-med products created # of persons served
Create seamless linkages between existing state programs.	PDE, DOH, DPW, DOI, OVR, OLTL, DRN	To Be Determined
Expand support groups for persons with brain injury and their families.	BIAPA, DOH, DPW, OVR, DRN, OLTL	% increase in active support groups throughout the state
Establish a model for life-long planning that allows for inputs from a variety of sources.	BIAA, BIAPA, PDE, DPW, OVR, DRN, PDA, Support Groups	Development of Pilot or Model Program for life-long planning; Implementation of pilot/model; # of people served; Evaluation of program effectiveness completed
Investigate a tracking system that is capable of follow-up and connecting persons with brain injury for subsequent needs.	BIAPA, DRN, DOH, OVR, CWDS, Support Groups	To Be Determined
Determine feasibility of tracking system		

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Investigate existing TBI Registries; Provide recommendations		
<b>Goal 3 - Increase knowledge and public awareness concerning brain injury.</b>		
<b>OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>POSSIBLE PARTNERS</b>	<b>OUTCOME MEASURES</b>
Develop and conduct brain injury awareness programs for students and parents to include: sports and athletics programs, bike safety, playground safety, etc.	BIAA, BIAPA, PDE, DOH, GOHCR, PLCB, DRN, CDC, TBITAC, Private Industry	# of public awareness activities/events conducted and of non-DOH awareness activities publicized throughout state
Conduct statewide TBI educational sessions for, Physicians, EMS personnel, Hospital ER teams, HHSCC staff, Discharge planners, School personnel (Teachers, Administration, Sports/Trainers), Police officers, Corrections: County/State/Federal, MH/MR staff, Dept of Aging Staff, Human Service staff, Private Psychiatric, Juvenile Justice, Parents (PTA / PTG), Others as identified.	DOH, NASHIA, PLCB, TBITAC, DRN, DPW	% increase in brain injury knowledge per pre/post testing
Participate in all possible forums for brain injury education: Debates, Discussion groups, Mass media.	Board members, BIAA, BIAPA, DRN	# of opportunities identified by Board members
Partner with health professional organizations to develop injury prevention Continuing Education programs for primary care physicians and allied health professionals.	DOH, HAP, BIAPA, Medical groups, DPW	# of new partnerships with health care organizations # of injury prevention seminars conducted
Develop training and information programs in multiple languages.	BIA-MA, BIAA, TBITAC, DRN	Identification of target languages; Development of brain injury publication in targeted languages; Feasibility of foreign language translation available on DOH website

**List of Abbreviations**

**BIAA** – Brain Injury Association of America  
**BIA-MA** - Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts  
**BIAPA** – Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania  
**BIRL** – Brain Injury Resource Line (Service of BIAPA)  
**CE** – Continuing Education  
**CWDS** – Commonwealth Workforce Development System  
**DOH** – Department of Health  
**DOI** – Department of Insurance  
**DPW** – Department of Public Welfare  
**DRN** -Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania  
**EMS** – Emergency Medical Services  
**ER** – Emergency Room  
**GOHCR** – Governor’s Office of Health Care Reform  
**HAP** – Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania  
**HHSCC** – Health & Human Services Call Center  
**HIP** – Head Injury Program

**HRSA** – Health Services and Resources Administration  
**I & R** – Information & Referral  
**IU** – Intermediate Units  
**OVR** – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  
**NASHIA** – National Association of State Head Injury Administrators  
**OLTL** – Office of Long Term Living  
**PARF** – Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities  
**PDA** - Pennsylvania Department of Aging  
**PDE** – Pennsylvania Department of Education  
**PIATT** – Pennsylvania Institute on Assistive Technology  
**PLCB** – Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board  
**PTA** – Parent Teacher Association  
**PTG** – Parent Teachers Guild  
**TBI** – Traumatic Brain Injury  
**TBITAC** – Traumatic Brain Injury Technical Assistance Center  
**VA** – Veterans Administration