



**TBI SPP**  
Traumatic Brain Injury  
State Partnership Program

# Grantee Profile 2018-2021: Oregon

The **Center on Brain Injury Research and Training** (CBIRT) at the University of Oregon is the lead agency for the grant. The State's Aging and People with Disabilities unit administers the 1915(k) Community First Choice funding authority for those who are Medicaid-eligible and need home and community-based services.

**Main Grant Aim: Improve capacity to provide consumer-directed, coordinated services and supports to people with TBI and their families across the lifespan.**

## Additional Aims

- Build capacity for providing coordinated services to people with TBI living in rural communities and to people with TBI who are homeless
- Create a comprehensive series of statewide professional-paraprofessional training webinars
- Develop a statewide map of services and supports for Oregonians with TBI
- Mentor a partner state seeking to establish a statewide system of services and supports for students with TBI, including Return to Learn (RTL) concussion management

## Accomplishments/Outcomes

- Established Eastern Oregon rural/frontier provider network, including a webinar series to build awareness and connect regional providers
- Provided training and resources to staff on screening and accommodating brain injury among adults who are homeless
- Disseminated five of six national webinars featuring subject matter experts on the topics of brain injury and complex issues (completed as of January 2021) in partnership with ACL Underserved Populations workgroup
- Co-led Return-to-Learn/Play workgroup focusing on coalescing resources into a "one-stop" website
- State Legislators passed House Bill 4140, mandating "immediate temporary accommodations" for students recently concussed
- Proposed legislation supporting Brain Injury Resource Facilitation, as well as legislation requiring the charting of brain injury signs, symptoms, and behaviors during emergency room and urgent care examinations

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## Products

- Equity lens guiding Oregon's ACL project decision-making
- Webinar series on brain injury and complex issues
- PowerPoint training and supplementary materials addressing brain injury and homelessness
- Cost-benefit analysis of resource facilitation
- Return-to-Learn/Play competencies and related legislation

## Advisory Council



The ACL TBI Partnership grant Advisory Board is composed of 16 individuals, 8 of whom are living with brain injury and 1 of whom is a family member.

## Registry and Data



The Oregon Trauma Registry is mandated to collect data from 44 trauma hospitals to: 1) identify the causes of traumatic injury and recommend prevention activities; and 2) assure timely, quality treatment, education, and research. The state does not have a TBI registry.

## Legislative Accomplishments

- 2020: House Bill 4140 - For students needing immediate temporary accommodations after a brain injury; Passed into law on Feb. 27, 2020; Implementation: Jan. 1, 2021
- 2020: Administrative Rule change allowing credible history to be used to qualify youth for services and supports under Individuals with Education Act (IDEA) programs.

## Service Delivery

Oregon offers an array of services to address the medical, rehabilitation, social, and vocational needs of people with TBI and their families. These include trauma and in-patient rehabilitation hospitals (e.g., Oregon Brain Institute, OHSU), advocacy-related groups (e.g., Disability Rights Oregon), as well as state agencies (e.g., Department of Human Services). The Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) unit within the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) serves adults with TBI, including those with complex behavior needs, if they meet eligibility requirements for services available through DHS-APD programs, including the Oregon Medicaid 1915(k) Community First Choice Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) State Plan Option.

### Promising Practices

- Use of an Equity Lens to bring underserved, marginalized, and oppressed individuals with any citizenship statuses or language to the forefront of its work
- Return-to-School legislation and implementation
- Promotion of provider training on screening and accommodating brain injury among vulnerable and at-risk populations
- Use of conferencing technology to support the development of provider and survivor networks in remote parts of the state

### Partners

Oregon Health Authority; Department of Education; Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities unit; the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Oregon; Eastern Oregon Brain Injury Provider Network; Central City Concern, Portland; Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living; Lane Independent Living Alliance; Brain Injury Connections NW; Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon; and Disability Rights Oregon.

