



TBI SPP
Traumatic Brain Injury
State Partnership Program

Grantee Profile 2019-2021: Ohio

The **Ohio Brain Injury Program at the Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention & Rehabilitation within the Ohio State University College of Medicine** is the lead agency for brain injury in Ohio. The **Ohio Brain Injury Program, Ohio departments of Medicaid (ODM), Aging (ODA) and Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)**, and the **Brain Injury Association of Ohio** collaborated to make Ohio's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers accessible, acceptable, and effective for people with histories of brain injury.

Main Grant Aim: Make Ohio's HCBS waivers accessible, acceptable, and effective for people with histories of brain injury.

Additional Aims

- Formalize the use of screening for history of TBI to allow identification, referral for services, and evaluation of outcomes
- Provide access to information and resources specific to living with brain injury
- Train and support networks of professionals serving people on waivers who are living with the effects of brain injury
- Create a person-centered resource facilitation program

Accomplishments/Outcomes

Screening and Identification

- 952 staff were trained on screening and assessment using The Ohio State University TBI Identification Method (OSU TBI-ID) to elicit a person's lifetime history of TBI
 - 1,200 Ohioans screened per month
 - 4% screened positive for a moderate or severe TBI in their lifetime

Training and Education

- 46 staff trained on aging and TBI using web-based modules
- 831 staff trained on behavioral health and TBI
- 75 professionals used web-based modules on accommodations

Information and Referral

- The Brain Injury Association of Ohio provided information & referral services for the grant. Calls were coordinated with the Brain Injury Association of America's National Brain Injury Information Center allowing state-specific call tracking and recordkeeping.

Increasing Consumer Participation

- Establishing a process for community participation in an Annual State Plan, creation of a statewide TBI registry, and workforce training among healthcare and social service professionals serving people with brain injury.



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Advisory Council



Since 2013, the **Ohio Brain Injury Program** within the Ohio Valley Center for Brain Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation has housed the Brain Injury Advisory Committee. Members are appointed by the Dean of the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for 2-year, renewable terms. The Committee meets quarterly and engages in advocacy, collaboration, education, funding decisions, information & referral, and planning.



Registry and Data

The **Ohio Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services** maintains a state trauma registry to be used for the collection of information regarding the care of adult and pediatric trauma victims.

The **Ohio Department of Health** provides annual incidence data on deaths, emergency department visits and hospitalizations.

The Ohio Department of Health also provides data from **Ohio's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System** survey of the adult population and has included TBI related questions since 2014. Information is obtained from screening for TBI among callers to Ohio's No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point helpline.

Service Delivery

The Brain Injury Program was transferred from the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission to the Ohio Valley Center in 2013. Program funds are used to support the Brain Injury Association of Ohio and to provide information & referral services for the grant. Individuals with TBI access services available through state agencies and programs that offer similar services to individuals with other disabilities—including Medicaid Waivers—if they meet the eligibility requirements of those programs. If they meet eligibility requirements, individuals with TBI may access one of six Medicaid Waivers (three nursing facility level and three ICF/MR level of care). People with TBI may also be served under generic programs for functionally impaired individuals operated by Aging Services. These services are designed for people who are not eligible for the waivers but who need personal care and homemaker services.

Promising Practices

- Leveraging the state's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System for annual prevalence data on people living with TBI and at risk for special health and social service needs
- Adding screening questions to Ohio's No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point helpline, which allowed data on frequency and nature of unique needs experienced by people with a history of TBI

Revenue for TBI-Specific Programs/Services

| Fiscal Year | General Revenue Allocation |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 2018 | \$124,688 |
| 2019 | \$126,567 |
| 2020 | \$126,567 |

Legislative Accomplishments

The Ohio General Assembly has increased the Brain Injury Program at OSU from \$126,567 to \$550,000 annually in an appropriation to OSU for 2021.

Trends

- Partnering with Ohio Domestic Violence Network to address brain injury among people served in domestic violence shelters
- Brain injury included among disability groups affected by resource rationing during COVID and prioritization of vaccination
- Recognition that people with brain injury are an important group at risk for suicide
- Increased awareness of brain injury in the behavioral healthcare system

