

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Utah TBI Fund is used to contract for resource facilitation services; neuro-psychological assessments; education of professionals and the public regarding understanding, treatment, and prevention of TBI; and to support an information and referral system for persons with a TBI and their families. Resource facilitation is a process that helps individuals and families by providing short term support with problem solving and linking people in need with available and appropriate resources to assist with a successful return to school, work, or community reintegration.

TBIs resulted in nearly \$95 million in hospitalization charges in 2013; a 10.5% increase from \$86 million in 2011. This does not include costs for disability and long-term care, nor lost wages.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Participants completing the program report experiencing:
- Improved quality of life
- Decreased depression
- Better understanding of TBI for individuals and their families.
- Better family understanding of TBI
- Better treatment from medical providers

WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

- Free initial assessment to see if one qualifies
- Participants are provided with a resource facilitator that is specially trained in the unique problems of individuals who suffer from TBI.
- Neuro-psychological assessment from a qualified provider.
- Family training

RESOURCES

Visit this website for more information:

www.health.utah.gov/tbi/

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SOURCES

1. www.health.utah.gov/vipp/pdf/TBIFund/TBI%20SCI%20Legislative%20Report%20SFY%202016.pdf

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

TBI's in Utah

- Every day in Utah, 68 people are treated in an emergency department for a TBI: six people are hospitalized, and one person dies from a TBI.
- Falls (52%) were the leading cause of TBI hospitalizations, followed by transportation (24%) and sports or recreation (21%).
- TBI hospitalization rates increase with age; older adults aged 75+ have the highest rates of TBIs.
- The age-adjusted rate of TBI hospitalizations had a statistically significant increase from 2011 (816 per 100,000 population) to 2013 (826 per 100,000 population).

INFORMATION

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