

Traumatic Brain Injury Family Support Program

In 2016, at the urging of brain injury advocates and families, the Tennessee Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Council approved the development of the TBI Targeted Family Support Program, modeled on the legislatively established state Family Support Program. The TBI Family Support program is funded by state dollars and designed to assist individuals with disability due to TBI and their families to remain together in their homes and communities. The TBI Advisory Council has determined that a targeted TBI Family Support Program has the potential to address identified needs and assist people with brain injury all over the state.

The primary purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Targeted Family Support Program is to support:

- Families with children with a disability due to a traumatic brain injury, school age and younger;
- Adults with a disability due to a traumatic brain injury who choose to live with their families; and
- Adults with a disability due to a traumatic brain injury who are residing in the community in an unsupported setting (not a state or federally funded program).

Services can include but are not limited to: respite care, day care services, home modifications, equipment, supplies, personal assistance, transportation, homemaker services, housing costs, health-related needs, nursing and counseling.

To be eligible, an individual with a disability due to a traumatic brain injury has a disability that:

- is attributable to a cognitive or physical impairment or a combination of physical and cognitive impairments;
- is likely to continue indefinitely;
- results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity.

For 2020-2021, the program is being managed via contract by The Arc Davidson County and Greater Nashville area, with assistance from the TBI service coordinators. For more information, call the TBI program at 800-882-0611 or contact Lakeesha Jackson at ljackson@arcdc.org or phone: (615) 321-5699 x 229.