

# **JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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## **Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) TBI Grant Program**

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# Overall HRSA Grant Requirements:



- A State “Lead Agency” must be identified
  - DMHDDSDAS was named in 1996
- A Full-Time TBI Program Manager
- A functioning Brain Injury Advisory Board/Council
  - Legislatively mandated in 2003 in NC
- A State TBI Plan
- A TBI Needs& Resources Assessment every 5 years
- Used for building “infrastructure” for TBI service array

# Previous HRSA TBI Grant Deliverables:



- Opened a satellite office of the Brain Injury Association of NC (BIANC) in Asheville
- Ongoing training for LME/MCOs & their providers
- Development of a standardized evaluation tool to be used for all grant trainings
- Outreach to Native Americans
- Free online TBI Training:
  - [www.nctbitraining.org](http://www.nctbitraining.org)
- The development of “Skill Packs”:
  - Materials for both professionals and families

# **The HRSA Grant from 2009-2014 provided:**



- **Technical Assistance for the TBI Clubhouse Model**
  - Now clubhouses in Raleigh, Asheville and Huntersville
- **Training specifically for MH & SA Providers**
  - 3 ADATCs initiated screening for TBI upon admission
- **Developed TBI Ombudsman Program (BIANC)-Peer to peer**
- **Developed Social Support Networks for those with TBI**
- **Yearly TBI Conference for persons w/ TBI & families**

# New HRSA TBI Grant 2014-2018:



- Grant cycle is 4 years (2014-2018)
  - \$250,000/year to equal \$1,000,000
  - All States received \$241,630 this year
  - Match required-not less than \$1/\$2 of Federal funding.
    - In-kind match provided by contractor-BIANC
  - Grant funds may **NOT** be used for:
    - Prevention activities
    - Direct service provision

# HRSA Requirements for this grant:



- **TBI Screening**
- **Information & Referral (especially for persons with TBI & their families)**
- **Training (building a trained workforce)**
- **Resource Facilitation (facilitate access to services)**

# **Other HRSA Expectations for this grant cycle:**



- **Work with the concept of the “Medical Home”**
- **Information dissemination, including insurance information**
- **Establish a “Target Population”**
- **Build Partnerships (state, local, other HRSA Agencies)**
- **Evaluation; Continuous Quality Improvement**
  - **Show impact on target population**
- **Sustainability**

# North Carolina's specific response:



- **TBI Screening (including data collection):**
  - In a pilot LME/MCO-Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
  - In a pilot Federally Qualified Health Center(FQHC)-to be identified
    - Both Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) and the NC Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) will assist with building partnerships and help to identify a willing FQHC
- **Information & Referral:**
  - I&R conducted by the Brain Injury Association of NC (BIANC)
    - Update website
    - Develop new database for increased tracking and information of both:
      - Calls and email requests for TBI information
      - TBI Training across the state with a coordinated training plan



# North Carolina's specific response:



- **Training:**
  - BIANC will hire a Training Coordinator (s) to cover the state
  - All BIANC offices offer training (Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Greenville and Winston-Salem)
- **Resource Facilitation**
  - BIANC will hire a Neuro-Resource Facilitator
  - This position will provide technical assistance for both Alliance & the FQHC and will assist with all grant activities
- **Conduct a new TBI Needs & Resources Assessment**
  - Completed-awaiting written report

# North Carolina's specific response:



- **Target Population: Persons injured over the age of 22 years**
- **Grant Steering Committee of all partners**
- **Evaluation Committee (separate from Grant Steering Committee)-Process Evaluation throughout the grant cycle**
- **Comprehensive Training Plan-including concussion training**

# **New TBI Grant Developments:**



- **On November 13, 2014 the US congress passed the reauthorization of the TBI Act**
  - **This gives the Secretary of DHHS authority to choose which Federal agency will manage the two TBI Grant programs as HRSA specific language was removed**
  - **Directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct scientific review of the management of children with TBI**
  - **Also directs the Secretary to develop a TBI Coordination Plan**