

# BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY 2024

- Reauthorize and Fully Fund the TBI Act
- Support TBI Model Systems Funding
- Join the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF STATE HEAD INJURY  
ADMINISTRATORS**



UNITED STATES  
**Brain Injury  
Alliance**

## **SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TBI ACT:**

- Expand the program definition and eligibility criteria to include hypoxic and other acquired brain injuries.
- Ease the state match requirement from 50% to 25%.
- Allow Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies access into VA facilities and federal prisons.
- Require the Health and Human Services Secretary to examine the evidence base of brain injury as a chronic condition.
- Increase funding for the TBI Act to \$25 million.
  - \$19 million to the states
  - \$6 million to the P&A's
- Reauthorize \$6.72 million for the TBI program within the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC).
- Appropriate \$5 million for the National Concussion Surveillance System.

### **BRAIN INJURY IS A CHRONIC CONDITION**

Every year, at least 2.8 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury, and more than 5 million people are living with a permanent brain injury-related disability. That's 1 in 60 Americans.

The chronic, long-term effects of brain injury are wide-ranging, and brain injury is still viewed by many as a one-time event with effects that become stable, rather than the beginning of a process of recurring or persistent effects that continue to change.

The Brain Injury Association of America is calling for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to designate brain injury as a chronic condition, and that brain injury should be recognized, treated, and covered as such.