

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS DAY 2024

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



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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 living with a permanent brain injury-related disability – one in 60 Americans.

Extensive research has demonstrated brain injury is not just an acute injury, but a chronic condition that affects far more than the brain, and having it recognized as a chronic condition would mean more services and supports across the lifespan; it would open new avenues to treatment and research; it would go a long way toward educating the public and correcting misconceptions about a condition that impacts millions of Americans.