

**Disability Rights South Dakota
Protection and Advocacy Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI)
Fiscal Year 2018 Priorities & Objectives**

Anyone who has sustained a TBI, defined as an injury to the brain caused by a blow to the head with a blunt object, striking the head against an object, or something passing through the skull and piercing the brain, is eligible for PATBI services.

PRIORITY I: People with disabilities will be free from abuse and neglect.

Goal: Investigate allegations of abuse or neglect of a person with a TBI that have been reported to DRSD, observed through the monitoring process, or identified through other appropriate methods.

Objective 1.1: PATBI will provide information, referral, advice and/or case services for up to 5 individuals with a TBI in the areas of abuse and neglect.

Objective 1.2: Monitor at least one (1) facility which provides services to persons with a TBI for safety or rights issues.

PRIORITY II: People with disabilities will have access to services.

Goal: Assist individuals with a TBI and their family members to have access to information, referrals and advice, advocacy services, legal representation, and support and assistance with self-advocacy to obtain access to appropriate services.

Objective 2.1: Identify and provide advocacy assistance up to 3 individuals with a TBI to live in the least restrictive environment and to access and maintain appropriate community based services and supports.

Objective 2.2: Provide advocacy assistance to up to 3 students with TBI in an effort to establish eligibility under IDEA and 504 to ensure student right to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).