

Disability Rights South Dakota Protection and Advocacy Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI) Fiscal Year 2019 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 and address allegations of abuse or neglect of a person with a TBI that have been reported to DRSD, observed through our monitoring process, or identified through other appropriate methods.

Objective 1.1: PATBI will conduct formal investigations for individuals with a TBI where there is suspected or alleged cases of abuse or neglect.

Objective 1.2: PATBI will conduct formal monitoring activities at least one (1) facility which provides services to persons with a TBI.

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

Goal: Barriers to employment will be eliminated for individuals with TBI seeking to obtain or retain employment.

Objective 2.1: Individuals with disabilities will receive reasonable accommodations to maintain employment. PATBI will provide individual case services to individuals with TBI being denied reasonable work accommodations.

Objective 2.2: DRSD staff will complete at least 2 outreach activities at the TBI service providers in Rapid City and Irene and/or members of the TBI support group to provide information to individuals with TBI on employment supports and rights.

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

Goal: Ensure that individuals with a TBI and their families have access to information, referrals and advice; individual and family advocacy; Legal representation; and support and assistance with self-advocacy on obtaining access to appropriate services.

Objective 3.1: PATBI will provide individual case services, information and referrals and technical assistance to individuals with TBI being denied appropriate or necessary community-based services and supports.

Objective 3.2: PATBI will provide individual case services, information and referral and technical assistance to individuals with TBI living in the community who need assistance obtaining appropriate services and supports.

Objective 3.3: PATBI will ensure access to appropriate special education services for students with a TBI under IDEA and Section 504 to ensure student rights to receive a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) through technical assistance, information and referral and individual case services.