

FACT SHEET SB24

THE VOICE OF BRAIN INJURY

Summary of SB24:

To establish the Indiana Brain Injury Commission to conduct a 2 year study to report on the following:

1. The prevalence and scope of brain injuries in Indiana.
2. The existing and needed infrastructure in Indiana for treating brain injuries.
3. The need in Indiana for acute, postacute, and life span services for brain injuries
4. Access to services through a Medicaid waiver, including access to equipment and supplies.
5. The need for brain injury educational training for health care professionals and the public, including education concerning prevention and awareness.

The Issues:

- 6,181 Hoosiers each year will have TBI with resulting permanent disability
- BIAI estimates that just the acute health care cost of TBI is \$1 Billion each year
- TBI has no age, racial, educational or socioeconomic boundaries
- TBI's result from a wide variety of causes, including sports, abuse, motor vehicle crashes, violence and falls, among others
- TBI is the signature injury of the Iraq-Afghanistan Theatre
- Only 30-40% of people with TBI return to school or work

The Opportunities:

- The Indiana 2009-2013 HRSA Grant and the Indiana Brain Injury Leadership Board
- The Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Fund
- Recent Studies on new methods to return people with TBI to work
 - o With Resource Facilitation: 64% Return to work compared to 36% of controls.
 - As a result, 1,003 Indiana residents would return to work with RF treatment. (on avg)
 - o Based on the avg earnings for those employed in Indiana (age 25 years +) of \$30,925; the avg economic impact of RF treatment is \$31,017,775 annually in avoided lost wages.
 - o Average cost of services per patient was \$1000
 - o Economic impact is estimated to be¹
 - \$22 million dollars per year in terms of avoidance of lost wages
 - \$10 million in business tax revenues
 - \$4.8 million in personal tax revenues

BIAI Position

We wholeheartedly support SB24. Other states have improved the clinical and economic outcome of TBI through such an initiative. Through this study, Indiana will have the opportunity to integrate and coordinate science, public policy and consumer-based advocacy to do a better job for Hoosiers with brain injury.

¹ Ball State University Center for Business and Economic Research. Jaury 2011. Potential Economic Impact of Resource Facilitation for Post-Traumatic Brain Injury Workforce Re-Assimilation (Research Note).