

Living With Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

TBI Lasts a Lifetime

- Caused by a blow or jolt to the head, or penetrating head injury, TBI can cause a wide range of functional changes, both short and long-term—affecting thinking, language, learning, emotions, behaviors, and/or sensations.

210,000 NOW — 260,000 BY 2020

- Over 210,000 Floridians are living with TBI-related disabilities, increasing to 260,000 by 2020. Each year, 97,000 TBIs occur in Florida resulting in 4,000 deaths, 19,000 hospitalizations, and 74,000 visits to the emergency room. Of those injured, more than 8,300 Floridians experience long-term disabilities.

Requiring a System of Services that Supports Us — For Our Lifetime

- Lifelong recovery from TBI requires access to: cognitive therapies; community supports; housing and residential treatment; caregiver respite; employment; adaptive technology; transitional planning/case management; transportation; substance abuse and mental health services to help us reach our full potential.

For more information on TBI in Florida please contact:

Brain Injury Association of Florida
www.biaf.org
800-992-3442

Florida Department of Health Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program
www.doh.state.fl.us/workforce/brainisc
800-875-5660

Florida's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2009-2014)

Enhancing the Traumatic Brain Injury System of Care

Priorities

Issue 1:

Statewide System for Information, Referral, Planning and Advocacy

Issue 2:

Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness

Issue 3:

Traumatic Brain Injury Provider and Professional Education

Issue 4:

Lifelong/Long-Term System of Care

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Traumatic Brain Injury: It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

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County and Florida Estimates of Persons Living with TBI-Related Long-Term Disabilities, 2008

Alachua	2,677	Hardee	317	Okeechobee	444
Baker	293	Henry	444	Orange	12,419
Bay	1,881	Hernando	1,886	Osceola	3,066
Bradford	321	Highlands	1,124	Palm Beach	14,559
Brevard	6,164	Hillsborough	13,500	Pasco	5,180
Broward	20,024	Holmes	216	Pinellas	10,332
Calhoun	157	Indian River	1,615	Polk	6,590
Charlotte	1,870	Jackson	552	Putnam	836
Citrus	1,605	Jefferson	164	Saint Johns	2,032
Clay	2,120	Lafayette	90	Saint Lucie	3,169
Collier	3,718	Lake	3,290	Santa Rosa	1,634
Columbia	757	Lee	7,255	Sarasota	4,348
Desoto	389	Leon	2,944	Seminole	4,697
Dixie	172	Levy	451	Sumter	1,016
Duval	10,070	Liberty	87	Suwannee	443
Escambia	3,493	Madison	215	Taylor	221
Flagler	1,089	Manatee	3,636	Union	171
Franklin	133	Marion	3,733	Volusia	5,693
Gadsden	536	Martin	1,577	Wakulla	350
Gilchrist	194	Miami-Dade	27,207	Walton	627
Glades	123	Monroe	840	Washington	258
Gulf	173	Nassau	787		
Hamilton	161	Okaloosa	2,177	Florida	210,311

Source: ESRI Business Solutions, 2008; "Prevalence of Long-Term Disability from Traumatic Brain Injury in the Civilian Population of the United States, 2005," *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, November-December 2008.