

FAST FACTS

about Traumatic Brain Injury Program

What is a traumatic brain injury?

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a disability caused by an external force such as a motor vehicle accident, gunshot wound, fall or physical impact which causes a decrease in mental, cognitive, behavioral or physical functions. Each year, 80,000 people in the United States experience the onset of long-term disabilities following a traumatic brain injury.

What is the Children's Rehabilitation Service TBI Program?

The Children's Rehabilitation Service TBI program provides services to children and teens who have sustained a TBI. Any individual between birth and 21 years of age who is a resident of the state of Alabama and has a diagnosis of a TBI can enroll in the Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) TBI program. Once enrolled in the program you will be assigned a CRS care coordinator who is specially trained in TBI.

What services do TBI care coordinators provide?

Care coordinators provide ongoing support in schools, homes, and communities, including:

- providing assistance locating community resources
- coordinating all services a child receives
- providing parent, family, and community education to enhance care skills and medical knowledge
- helping children and youth with TBI to transition from hospitals and rehabilitation centers to home, school, and community
- helping children and youth with TBI to participate in activities in their homes, schools, and communities
- helping children and youth with TBI and their families plan for all aspects of adult life
- providing information and education on how TBI affects students in the classroom
- helping the consumer, family, and school to establish appropriate educational goals
- providing education and assistance to the family in obtaining appropriate school services (such as an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or a 504 Plan)
- making referrals to CRS clinics for specialty evaluations

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