

Traumatic/Acquired Brain Injury Program

THE TBI PROGRAM AT YOUR WDVA OFFERS SERVICES
AND PROVIDES RESOURCES RELATED TO TBI/ABI

Why Focus on TBI?

- Over 8% of Washington residents are veterans.
- As many as 1 in 5 that served in recent conflicts may have sustained a TBI/ABI.
- 79% of Washington Veterans do not get health care at the VA and receive health care from community providers.
- These veterans are our neighbors, friends, family, and employees who struggle on a daily basis with an invisible and often unrecognized disability.
- The leading cause of TBI in a war zone is from exposure to blasts though they can occur from everyday activities such as falls or car accidents
- Symptoms can be subtle and often go unnoticed or are attributed to other conditions.
- Undetected, TBI/ABI can cause severe problems in a veteran's life.

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Who do we serve?

- Veterans: *Any* veteran. The WDVA TBI/ABI program serves all veterans regardless of period of service.
- Service members: Including National Guard and Reserves.
- Family members of veterans with TBI/ABI.
- Mental health or medical providers caring for veterans with TBI/ABI.
- Institutions of Higher Learning.
- Employers of veterans with TBI/ABI.
- **Anyone who wants to learn more about how to help a Veteran with TBI/ABI.**

What do we provide?

- Case management, one-on-one assistance, and advocacy to veterans with TBI/ABI.
- Support and education to service members, and family members.
- Screening tools and training in TBI/ABI/PTSD detection.
- Employer support services.
- Clinical staffing, education, and awareness training services for mental/behavioral health providers and medical providers.
- Case consultation.
- Treatment program evaluations and consultations.
- Staff training.
- Support group presentations.
- Resource tables at conferences and summits.

What is the cost?

 **Zero** - All services are free of any charge. (The WDVA TBI / ABI Program is funded by a Washington State TBI Council grant.)