

Fast Facts about TBI Care Coordination

What is TBI?

Traumatic brain injury (TBI), sometimes referred to as head injury or closed head injury, is defined as damage to the brain caused by external physical force, including acceleration/deceleration injuries. This does not include brain injury caused by a congenital causation, degenerative diseases, surgical interventions, or anoxia.

Who is eligible for TBI Care Coordination?

Eligibility for care coordination services is determined by the Brain Injury Association of Colorado, funded through the Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund Program. Colorado residents with medical documentation of a traumatic brain injury are eligible to apply for services. For more information, call the Brain Injury Association of Colorado at 1 (888) 331-3311 or visit the BIAC Web site at www.biacolorado.org.

Who provides Children's TBI Care Coordination Services?

Colorado children and adolescents (ages 0-20) who are eligible for care coordination services receive services for one year, at no cost, through the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP), a program of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. If a family or individual is not eligible for the Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund, families can still contact HCP for resources and assistance at 1 (800) 886-7689.

What is included in TBI Care Coordination for those who qualify?

- ✓ Assessment – A face-to-face meeting with the individual and/or family to identify the priority needs and services.
- ✓ Care Coordination Planning
 - Families get 12 months of care coordination through the TBI Trust Fund.
 - The individual and/or family, with the care coordinator, collaboratively identify and prioritize goals.
 - Specific activities to meet those goals are detailed.
 - The HCP multidisciplinary team is available for consultation and planning.
 - The care coordinator will maintain ongoing contact with the individual and/or family as mutually determined.
 - The care coordinator and family will update the care plan as needed.
 - The care coordinator will chart progress toward identified goals.
 - The care coordinator will coordinate purchased services through the Colorado TBI Trust Fund Program.
- ✓ Evaluation – A Family Satisfaction Survey is available for the family and/or individual to complete following the care coordination period.

TBI Care Coordination Services for Children are available through a partnership among the Colorado Department of Human Services, the Brain Injury Association of Colorado, Colorado Connections (a division of Denver Options, Inc. and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP).



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

How is HCP uniquely qualified to provide Children's TBI Care Coordination Services?

- ✓ The Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP) is a statewide, community-based system with connections to a wide variety of providers and community resources.
- ✓ HCP has a longstanding relationship with many public and private agencies. HCP is not tied into any specific services, but it is able to work across agencies to access resources for families.
- ✓ Registered nurses with public health training are available to provide comprehensive medical/health consultation.
- ✓ HCP care coordinators have received training on the BrainSTARS curriculum, which specifically relates TBI to child development and school-related strategies.
- ✓ HCP provides education to agencies as well as families regarding TBI and how it may relate to child development, health and behavior.
- ✓ HCP personnel include a multidisciplinary team of consultants and coordinators with pediatric expertise relating to children with special health care needs:
 - ◆ Audiology
 - ◆ Mental Health
 - ◆ Family Advocacy
 - ◆ Social Work
 - ◆ Nursing
 - ◆ Speech/Language Pathology
 - ◆ Vision
 - ◆ Nutrition
 - ◆ Genetics
 - ◆ Occupational and Physical Therapy
- ✓ HCP personnel are knowledgeable not only about health issues and child development, but also are well versed in issues related to:
 - ◆ Health Care Providers
 - ◆ Public & Private Insurance
 - ◆ Parent Groups
 - ◆ Transition to Adult Life
 - ◆ Advocacy
 - ◆ Early Childhood & Pre-School Programs
 - ◆ Public School-Based Services
 - ◆ Foster Care
 - ◆ Child Welfare
 - ◆ Social Service
- ✓ HCP provides individual care coordination and community development services at the same time. Through both state and local offices, HCP looks at short-term solutions and leads efforts to develop long-term solutions to service and resource needs.

~ For more information, call HCP at 303-692-2370 or 1-800-886-7689 x2370~