

## About the project

Project ACTION, "Assessing Communities to Identify Ongoing Needs," is a three-year project charged with developing a system of services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) through the creation and implementation of a comprehensive, consumer-directed strategic plan that addresses the needs of Florida's TBI population and their families.

The goal of the project is to improve the lives of all Floridians with TBI and their families by:

- Addressing identified needs
- Establishing goals and priorities
- Increasing system-wide partnerships and collaborations

### **Next Steps**

Year 2 of the project will focus on the dissemination of the findings from the study and the creation of a strategic plan to guide Florida's TBI system of services.

Findings will be shared with stakeholders, consumers, family members and the general public.

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# Traumatic Brain Injury in Florida

## *A Needs and Resource Assessment*



**About 370,000 people in Florida are living with a TBI-related disability. By 2015, this number is expected to increase to 435,350.**

### *Responses from the TBI community:*

#### **Biggest Issues for TBI in Florida**

Public and professional brain injury awareness

Access to qualified providers and specialized services

Access to appropriate rehabilitation and therapies

Access to information and education

Access to long-term services and supports

Coordination of services and organizations

Program restrictions and eligibility requirements

*In 2005: 93,000 TBIs occurred in Florida.*

### *Responses from the TBI community:*

#### **Most Needed Services**

Financial assistance

Transportation services

Employment services

Accessible, affordable and safe housing

Recreation activities

Alcohol and drug addiction services