Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council of Washington

# COMMUNITY REPORT

## JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

*The TBI Council supports the Washington traumatic brain injury community through prevention awareness, advocacy, education, delivery of services, and support programs (RCW 74.31).*

## MILESTONES

- WA 211 connected **6,965 people** to **31,767 TBI-related resources.**
- **40,000 people** attended 200+ Safe Kids events statewide.
- **1,670 participants** for TBI-Behavioral Health ECHO case-conferencing sessions with UW.
- **5,172 participants** for Return to School trainings.
- **449 live webinar attendees** with Return to School.
- **718 users** completed self-enrollment of Return to School in the Classroom, completed 1,863 modules and 2,400 hours of learning time (8 hrs average/user).
- **602 enrolled** in TBI Skill Builder.
- **16,000 participants** for CBIRT Safe Kids learning modules.
- **187 attendees** in the Building Capacity Brain Injury Conference Workshops.

***I really felt protected and respected. I thought the topics were respectful and I thought the other members were willing to hear my story.***

***- TBI Support Group Attendee***

## 2025 LEGISLATION EXPANDS TBI SUPPORT IN WASHINGTON

House Bill 1848 (HB1848), passed in 2025, expands funding through DSHS and the TBI Council to strengthen community-based traumatic brain injury supports - including **in-person support groups, community integration activities,** and **peer-to-peer mentoring and navigation**. This investment reinforces Washington's commitment to helping people with brain injury and their families have access to connection, recovery and community.

***Well facilitated conversations, good timing for presentation, huge benefit from shared insights and resources. One of the most beneficial things I've done to help myself manage my TBI.***

**- Person with TBI attending support group**

## TBI SUPPORT GROUPS

**429 people attended 95 support group sessions virtually and in-person** for people with TBI, caregivers, medical providers, and veterans. Support groups are a safe place to share the experiences, feelings, and challenges of living with a TBI.

SCAN to access virtual TBI support groups

SCAN to access Support Group Guide (PDF)

***Sign up for Heading Forward**, the TBI Council's monthly bulletin for sharing updates, resources, events, and opportunities relevant to the TBI community.*

## TBI INFORMATION & REFERRAL

WA 211 started officially screening for TBI in November 2022 and has since **connected 26,965 people** who have experienced a TBI (or are a caregiver) to **126,218 community-based resources** at no cost to the caller.

Need assistance after a TBI? Call 2-1-1

## GREATEST NEEDS & SUPPORT REQUESTS TO WA 211

**HOUSING** 12,042 referrals

**LEGAL** 3,274 referrals

**MEDICAL** 2,011 referrals

**HOUSEHOLD** 1,491 referrals

*Additional high needs and related referrals include: mental health 1,491, transportation 1,424, employment/income 802.*

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

The connection between TBI and domestic violence (DV) is a priority for the TBI Council. On average, **WA 211 receives at least one call a day** from someone who has experienced a TBI from DV. From Nov 2022 to Nov 2024, **WA 211 referred 769 people to 2,382 resources for TBI/DV-related resources**, an average of three referrals per caller. The Council is committed to raising awareness through better screening, survivor support and community partnerships.

## TBI PROVIDER EDUCATION & OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Washington TBI Behavioral Health ECHO Program connects front-line providers with specialists for ongoing virtual consultation and education. Focusing on the management of behavioral health problems of those with TBI, an interdisciplinary team offers ongoing, free curriculum.

> *"This was one of the best webinars I've attended." -Workshop participant*

> ***The workshop enhanced my overall understanding of how caregivers, including those for individuals who have experienced brain injury, can successfully navigate provider relationships and first responder interactions on behalf of individuals in their care.***
>
> **- Person attending TBI workshop**

The TBI Council partners with the Department of Health and local **Safe Kids** coalitions to spread awareness on injury and violence prevention. Visit SafeKidsWashington.org to learn about water safety, pedestrian safety, sports safety, emergency preparedness, traffic safety and more.

**200** SAFE KIDS EVENTS

**40,000** KIDS, FAMILIES, & OTHER ATTENDEES