



The Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council (TBI Council) was created to support the TBI community (RCW 74.31). It consists of 25 members from public and private sectors, individuals with TBI and their family members, medical and human service providers, caregivers, sovereign tribal nations, and state agencies.

The TBI Council partners with and advises the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and other state agencies to:

- Spread awareness and education about TBI and prevention
- Identify and advise on needs and gaps in TBI services, resources, and projects
- Create partnerships and coordination across public/private sectors

**TBI can affect anyone.** To serve this diverse population, the TBI Council and DSHS offers support, information and referral, and prevention resources:

- **Information and Referral (I&R):** In partnership with [WA211](#), anyone experiencing a TBI or TBI-related needs can call 2-1-1 to talk with a trained resource specialist about relevant referrals to community-based resources.
- **Public Awareness Campaign:** Public awareness created through education, outreach, and events are key to preventing and treating TBI.
- **Support Group Resources:** Virtual support groups have expanded opportunities to all parts of the state. Support groups emphasize connection and education assisting in the development of long-term knowledge and problem-solving skills to help overcome barriers to sustaining a fulfilling life.
- **TBI Resources and Workbook:** This workbook was developed as a resource for those experiencing a TBI navigate recovery and rehabilitation.

## COMMON TBI-RELATED NEEDS:



Utilities



Housing



Legal Assistance



Employment



Clothing & Household



Transportation



Healthcare

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ADVISEMENT

Strategic partnerships leverage the Council's ability to spread public awareness and education, injury and violence prevention, and access to resources.

Together these efforts increase accessibility for all, with targeted efforts that include, but are not limited to, traditionally marginalized racial and ethnic groups, service members and veterans, people experiencing homelessness, people in correctional and detention facilities, survivors of intimate partner violence, and people in rural areas.

### Examples of TBI Council Partnerships:

- **Workforce and Professional Development:** Providing no-cost professional development and workforce education opportunities
- **Safe Kids Washington and WA Traffic Safety Commission:** Keeping kids safe through traffic safety gardens, health fairs, injury prevention, and helmet and car seat demonstration and distribution
- **TBI in Corrections Pilot-to-Program:** Building awareness and support in the corrections system with TBI screening, psychoeducation, support groups, reentry resources, and professional development for workforce education
- **Data and Research:** Collaborating on TBI data-collecting and research to better understand the lived experiences of people with TBI, caregivers, and providers
- **Public Awareness and Resource Development:** Partnering with state and local agencies, schools, community groups, providers, and others to increase awareness and access through targeted outreach and resource development



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