

# Tramautic Brain Injury State Partnership Program (TBI Grantee)

Summative Assessment (September 2020-July 2021)
Individual Grantee Profiles

## Overview of TBI Grantees and Their Roles in Promoting Competitive, Integrated Employment (CIE)

To inform the direction of the TA Center, the project team conducted quantitative and qualitative analysis as part of the landscape assessment that identified current TBI grantee initiatives pertaining to CIE and areas of further development. Key highlights include:

#### Strengths

- Strategic positioning of TBI grantees to promote employment systems change, particularly due to their location within state government ecosystems
- Developing partnerships with other AoD grantees, advocacy organizations, and private sector groups
- Focusing on underserved populations of individuals with TBI

#### **Challenges**

- Combatting sociocultural and environmental barriers encountered by individuals with TBI in securing and sustaining CIE
- Accessing vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and collaborating with VR staff who may not have an understanding of TBI

### TA Center Offerings Targeted towards TBI Grantees

The TA Center's team provided the following offerings targeted towards TBI grantees:

- TBI Grantee Resource #1: Fact Sheet 1: Working with Brain Injury Increasing Your Employment Success
- TBI Grantee Resource #2: Fact Sheet 2: Working After Brain Injury Increasing Employment Success

The TA Center plans to launch another RISE e-learning community, Walking the Walk: Prioritizing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Organizational Culture and Programming to Support People of Color with Disabilities Achieve Maximum CIE, which will be open to TBI grantees.



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#### TBI Grantee Participation in TA Center Activities

- <u>15 individuals affiliated with 13 TBI grantees</u> have participated in at least one national Community of Practice (CoP) webinar between March and July 2021
- TBI grantees attendees at CoP webinars included:
  - Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation (2 webinars)
  - Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (1 webinar)
  - Brain Injury Association of South Carolina (1 webinar)
  - Employment Resources Inc. (1 webinar)
  - Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) (1 webinar)
  - Idaho State University (1 webinar)
  - Kepro (1 webinar)
  - Minnesota Department of Human Services (1 webinar)
  - o National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) (1 webinar)
  - North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (1 webinar)
  - o Tennessee Disability Coalition Brain Links (1 webinar)
  - Virginia Supportive Housing (1 webinar)
  - West Tennessee Healthcare (1 webinar)