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The NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council are pleased to announce the award of a Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project, the Grant will provide federal funds of \$250,000 each of the next four years. (Total \$1,000,000) This was a competitive process; not all state applications were accepted.

Through this grant, the Division as lead agency for traumatic brain injury (TBI) in North Carolina, and the Council will work with other partners statewide to:

- ❖ Increase access to community based services for social support, cognitive training and pre-vocational services for individuals with TBI.
- ❖ Prepare families with knowledge and strategies to successfully address barriers in accessing community help and related services.
- ❖ Increase competence of substance abuse providers in the community for improved identification, assessment and treatment of individuals with TBI.

Of special focus will be groups of people in North Carolina who are at high risk for TBI. They include service members and veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), American Indians and incarcerated individuals, including juvenile detainees.

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