



Services for People with Traumatic Brain Injury

What is PATBI?

PATBI stands for **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury**. It is a federal advocacy program that helps protect the rights of people who have a traumatic brain injury. This program helps people navigate legal issues that may affect all aspects of their lives, including access to medical care, housing accommodations, workplace accommodations, and accommodations in school.

What is TBI?

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a blow or jolt to the body, or penetrating head injury that disrupts typical brain function. Due to the complexity of the human brain, each traumatic brain injury is different. While some effects of TBI may manifest immediately, others are not always readily apparent. The long-term effects of TBI can include cognitive, emotional, sensory, and motor impairments.

What services can be provided?

- Information and referrals
- Assistance with self-advocacy
- Individual advocacy
- If appropriate, legal advice when someone's rights are violated

Who can use PATBI services?

A PATBI client must have a TBI that limits a major life activity.

How do I contact Disability Law Center of Alaska?

- Our intake process is completely online. Visit www.dlcak.org and submit an intake form. A staff member will follow up with you to discuss your request.
- If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to complete the form, please send an email to akpa@dlcak.org or leave a message at 907-565-1002.

Provided by the **Disability Law Center of Alaska**

www.dlcak.org

Toll Free, Statewide (800) 478-1234

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