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**Office of Acquired Brain Injury  
and  
Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council  
Health and Human Services Commission**

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**Update to the Texas Council on  
Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke  
November 13, 2020**




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- Center of awareness and education on brain injuries in Texas
- Connect people to resources and services and raise awareness to prevent brain injuries
- Provide support for the Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council (TBIAC)


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## OABI

- Two new educational fact sheets available on our website or to order
  - Falls Prevention Fact Sheet
  - Brain Injury Myths and Facts Fact Sheet
- Children's head injury prevention workbook in development
- Online training modules in development
- Website
  - Information about brain injury and services available
  - Interactive support group map

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## OABI

Social media awareness messaging

- Stroke Awareness Month (May)
- Concussion Awareness Day (9/18)
- Falls Prevention Week (9/21-9/25)
- World Stroke Day (10/29)

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## Brain Injury Awareness Month/Brain Injury Conference

- Brain Injury Awareness Month (March) Celebration – canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19
- Brain Injury Conference (Fall) – canceled for 2020 due to COVID-19
- Planning a virtual Brain Injury Awareness Month Celebration and Conference in March 2021

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## National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS)

- HHSC – technical assistance grant to advance person-centered practices across the agency

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National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS)

- OABI and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS) program – Brain Injury Learning Collaborative (joining 14 other states)
- Technical assistance from NCAPPS
- Best practices and strategies from other states to enhance person-centered thinking, planning, and practices for persons with brain injury

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## OABI

NCAPPS Brain Injury Learning Collaborative goals:

1. Develop person-centered training for persons with a brain injury and those who support them
2. Develop a peer mentor model for people with a brain injury
3. Ensure service delivery including assessments and treatment plans for people who are supported by CRS are person-centered
4. Update the brain injury resource guide to ensure the person-centered language

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## OABI

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) virtual conference (September 2020)

- Nine staff and three TBIAC members attended
- Hosted a virtual exhibit table to share educational materials
- Hosted a virtual hospitality room
  - Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  - Administration for Community Living (ACL)
  - discussed the intersection of brain injury, mental health, substance abuse, and peer supports


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## TBIAC

- Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council (TBIAC)
  - addresses strategic planning, policy, rules and services related to preventing brain injury
  - recommends best practices for rehabilitation, long-term services and supports for people who have experienced a brain injuries to improve their quality of life, ability to function independently in the home and community.


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## TBIAC

- Administrative rules amended in June to extend the Council four more years until July 2024
- Six people appointed in July (five new members and one reappointed member)
- Membership terms for five members expire in December
- Approved annual report to the HHS Executive Commissioner
- Approved biennial report to the Texas Legislature

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## OABI and TBIAC

- Both OABI and TBIAC focus on all acquired brain injuries – both traumatic and non-traumatic.
- Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.
- Please subscribe to the Office of Acquired Brain Injury through HHS GovDelivery to receive updates on program and council events and activities.  
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>

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